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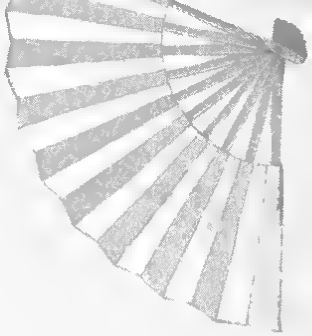

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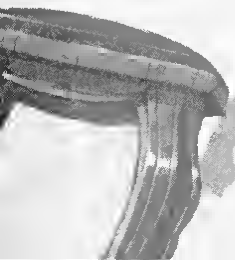

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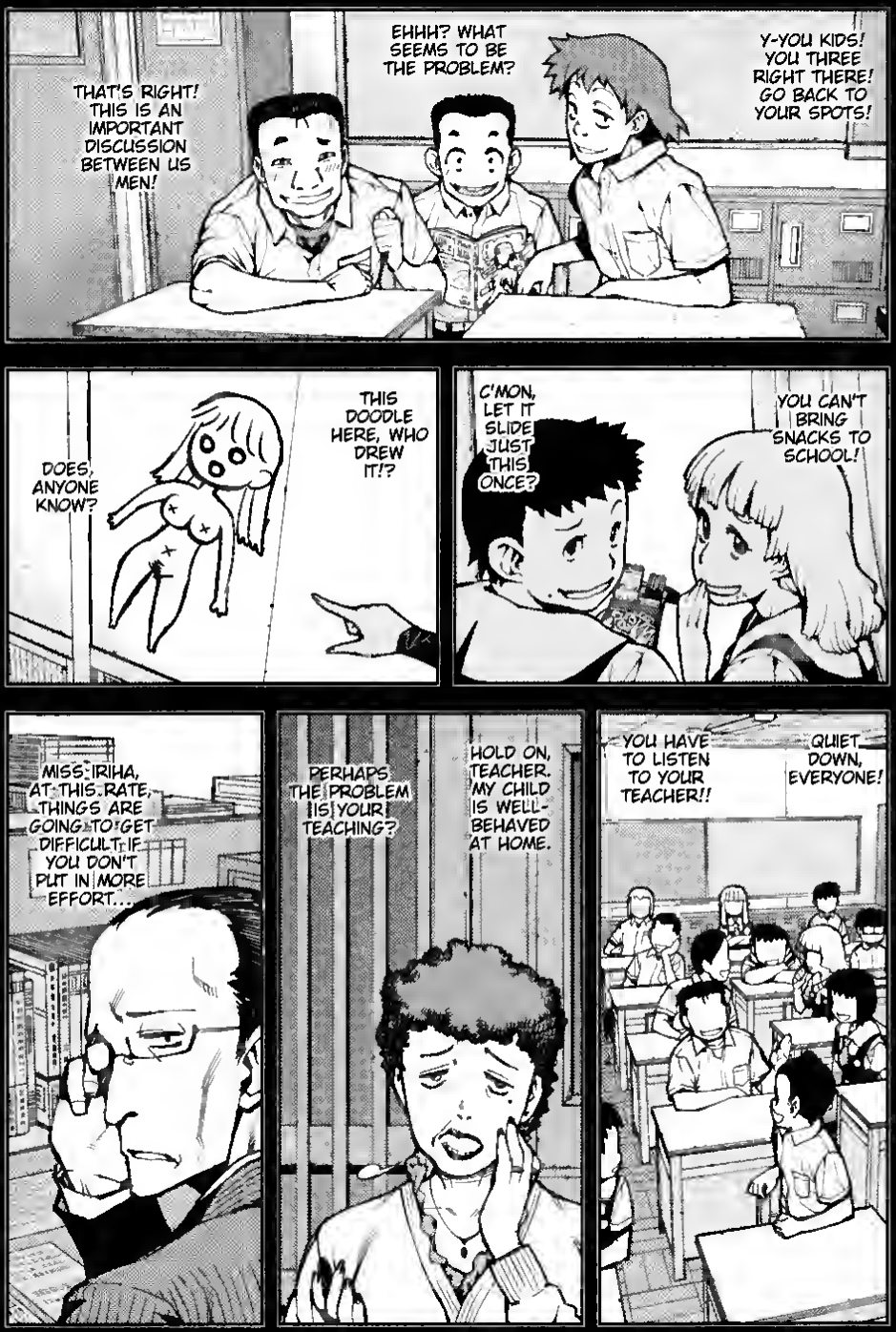
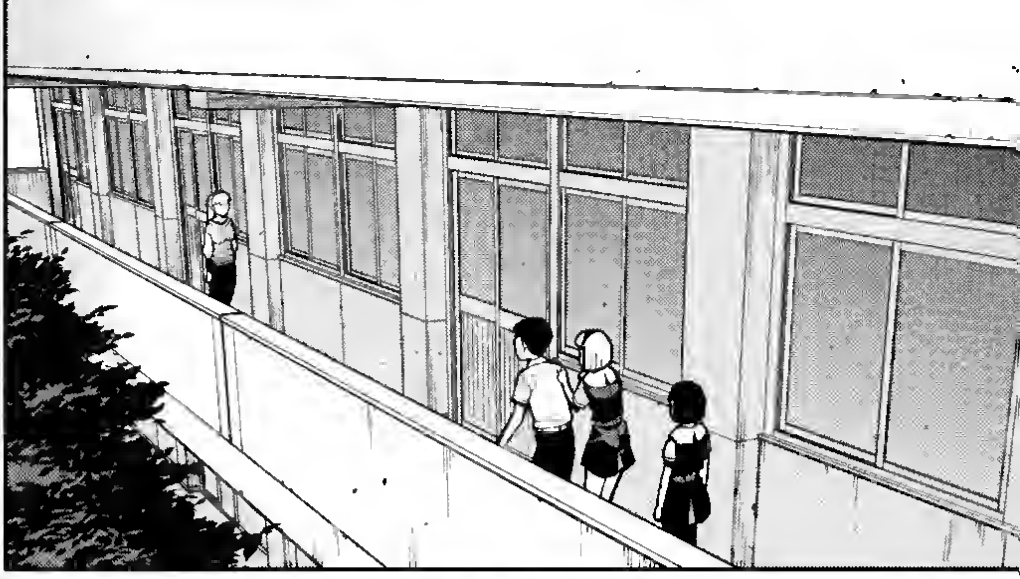
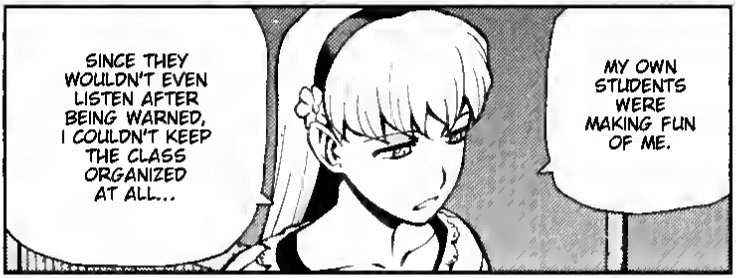
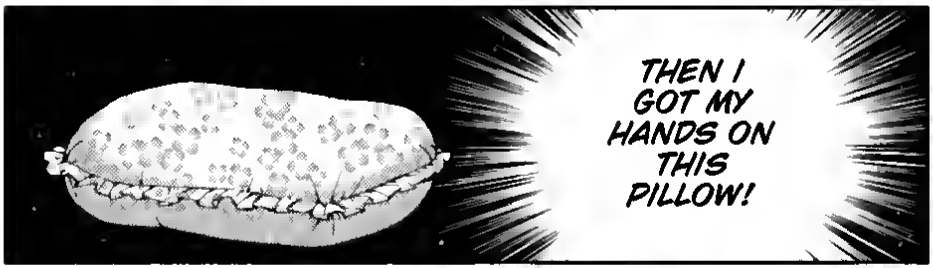
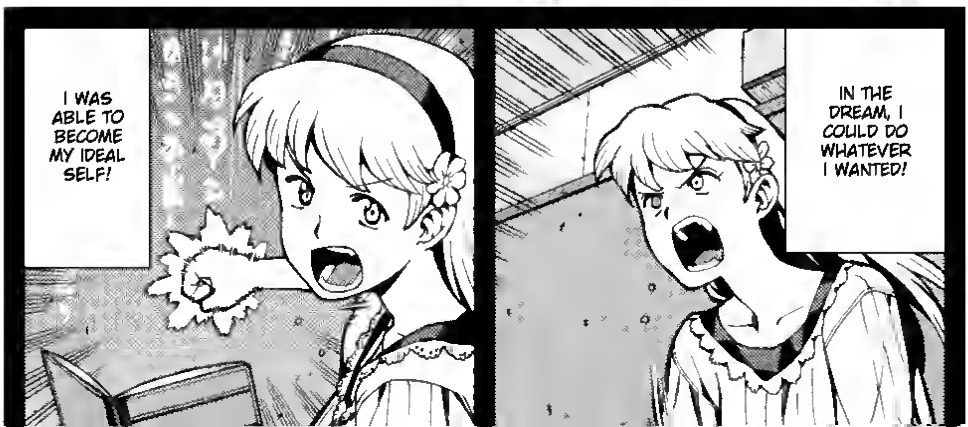

THAT'S RIGHT! THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION BETWEEN US MEN!
EHHH? WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM?
Y-YOU KIDS! YOU THREE RIGHT THERE! GO BACK TO YOUR SPOTS!
DOES, ANYONE KNOW?
THIS DOODLE HERE, WHO DREW IT!?
C'MON, LET IT SLIDE JUST THIS ONCE?
YOU CAN'T BRING SNACKS TO SCHOOL!
MISS IRIHA, AT THIS RATE, THINGS ARE GOING TO GET DIFFICULT IF YOU DON'T PUT IN MORE EFFORT...
PERHAPS THE PROBLEM IS YOUR TEACHING?
HOLD ON, TEACHER. MY CHILD IS WELL-BEHAVED AT HOME.
YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOUR TEACHER!!
QUIET DOWN, EVERYONE!

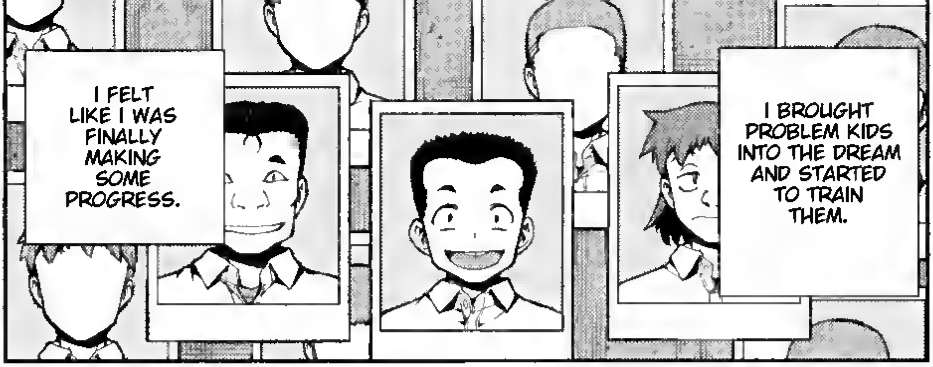


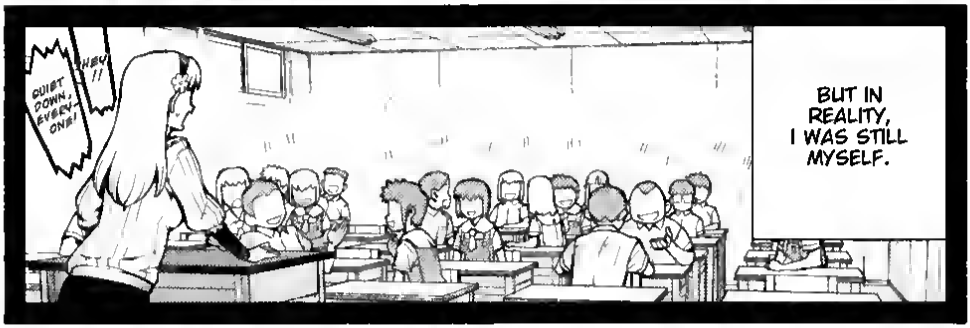
I WAS LOSING ALL MY CONFIDENCE.


SINCE THEY WOULDN'T EVEN LISTEN AFTER BEING WARNED, I COULDN'T KEEP THE CLASS ORGANIZED AT ALL...
MY OWN STUDENTS WERE MAKING FUN OF ME.


THEN I GOT MY HANDS ON THIS PILLOW!


I WAS ABLE TO BECOME MY IDEAL SELF!
IN THE DREAM, I COULD DO WHATEVER I WANTED!


I FELT LIKE I WAS FINALLY MAKING SOME PROGRESS.
I BROUGHT PROBLEM KIDS INTO THE DREAM AND STARTED TO TRAIN THEM.


QUIET DOWN, EVERY-ONE!
HEH!!
BUT IN REALITY, I WAS STILL MYSELF.

THE SHADOW.

HOWEVER, THIS PILLOW POSSESSES A VERY USEFUL POWER.
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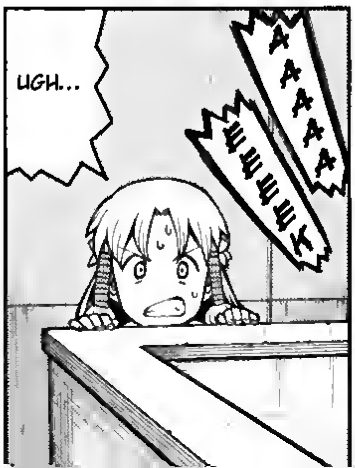
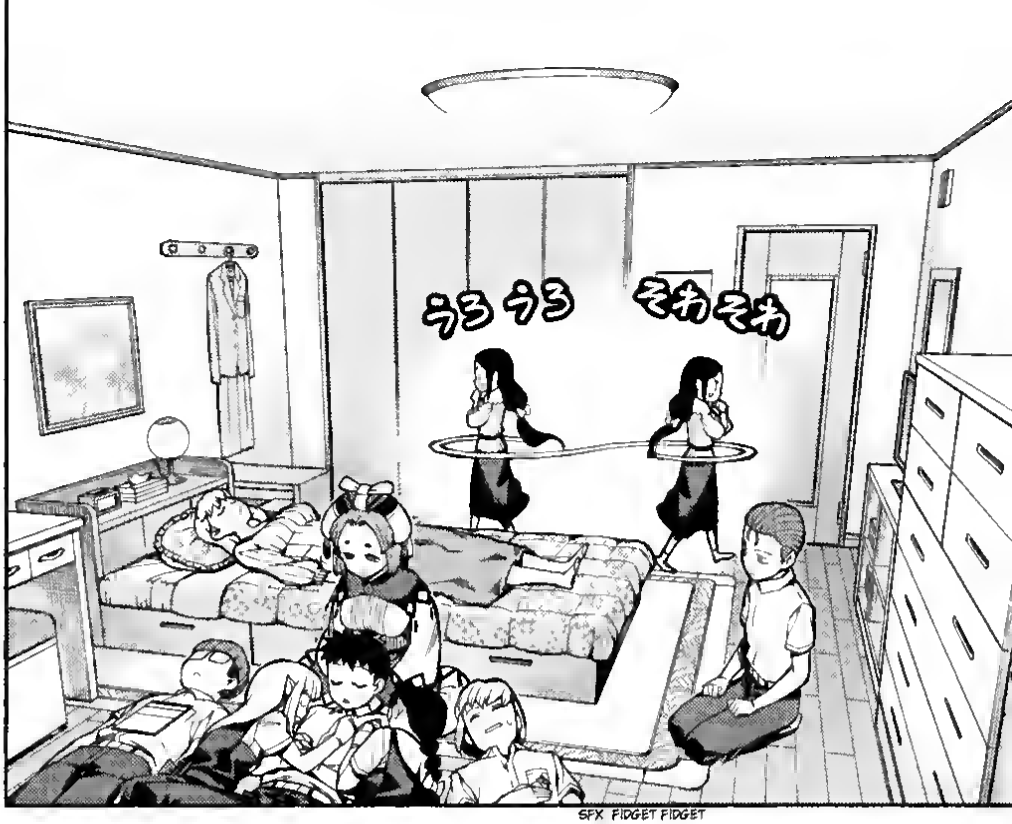
I SHOULD HAVE USED SHADOWS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMATIC CHILDREN.
YES, FROM THE VERY START,
PEOPLE CAN GO UP A LEVEL BY ACCEPTING THEIR SHADOW-SELVES.
THEN EVERYONE CAN GET OUT OF THIS DREAM.
IF YOU GUYS ACCEPT YOUR SHADOWS,
HONESTLY, EVERYONE BUT YOU FIVE HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEALT WITH.
ONLY GOOD, HONEST KIDS WILL BE ATTENDING SCHOOL.
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GROW MENTALLY, AND YOU'LL BE RELEASED FROM THIS DREAM WORLD.
GRIN
ISN'T THAT GREAT?

I ALREADY HEARD FROM THE PILLOW TSUKUMO-GAMI!
IF YOU'RE TAKEN BY A SHADOW, YOU LOSE YOUR PERSONALITY
AND BECOME A PUPPET OF THE PILLOW'S OWNER!
THAT'S A LIE.
ARE YOU JUST GONNA THOUGHTLESSLY STRONGARM YOUR WAY THROUGH ANY OBSTACLES IN YOUR LIFE NOW, MISS IRIHA?
FOR YOU, TEACHER, AND ALSO FOR YOUR STUDENTS, THAT PILLOW MUST BE TORN!
EITHER WAY, YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO VETO.
...OKAY. DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.


UGH...
AAAAAA
HHHHHH

ZWOAH!



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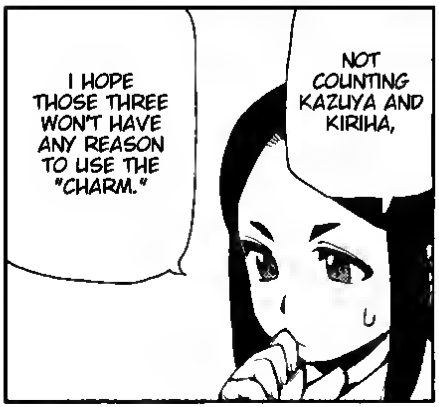
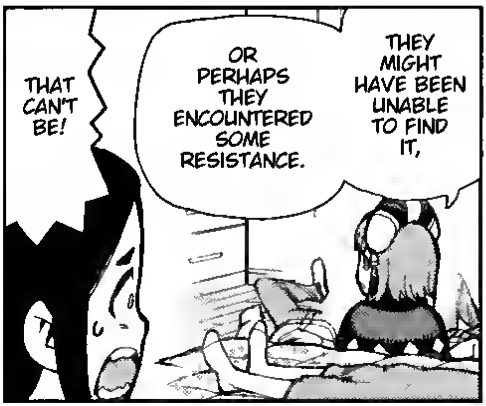
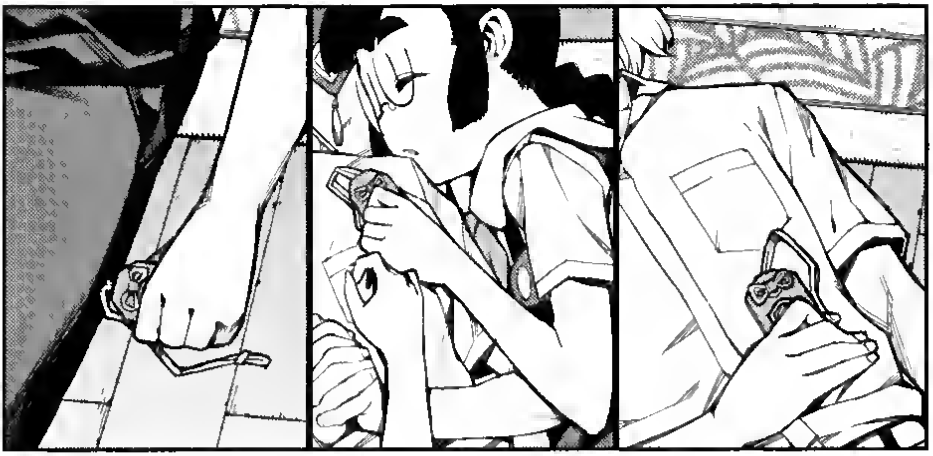






SFX OOOOOHHHHHHH

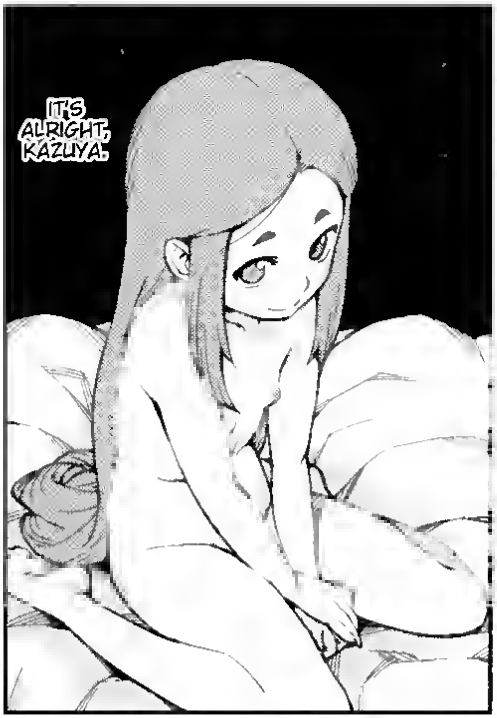
SFX BANG BANG BANG

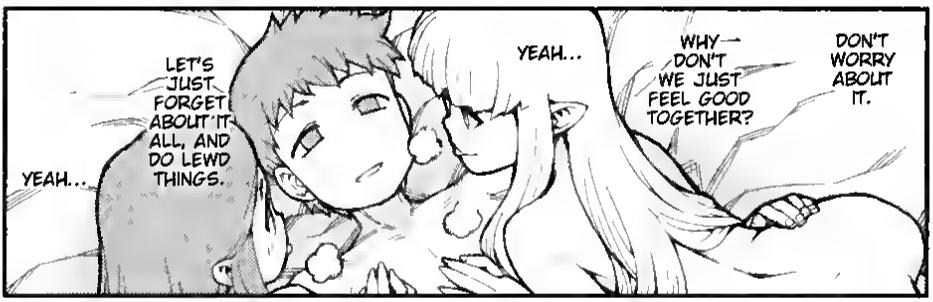
UGH!
WE'RE USING TWO OBI FOR LEG-ENHANCEMENT AND ONE OBI TO DEFLECT THE SPEAR ...!
CAN'T POSSIBLY DEFLECT SIX OBI ...!
HRNNNG!!

AH-
UGH... THIS IS THE LIMIT!
GAIN SOME DISTANCE, KAZUYA!
ULUNGH ...

AAGH... I CAN'T BREAK THE SHACKLES!
GYAAA!! DON'T TOUCH MY WOMAN!!
!!
WAH!
AAH ...

NONE OF IT MATTERS.
ABERRATIONS, BEING AN EXORCIST...
WHAT A BOTHER ...
AAH...
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED TO GET A BODY LIKE THIS...
NO!
AND IT'S NOT EVEN MY FAULT...
NEVER... THOUGHT LIKE THAT...
I NEVER THOUGHT LIKE THAT!
SOMEONE ELSE WILL TAKE CARE OF IT INSTEAD...
STOP IT!
LET'S JUST PRETEND NOT TO CARE...





SFX: KISS KISS, LICK LICK

IF YOU WITHDRAW INTO YOURSELF LIKE THAT, IT'LL TAKE CONTROL OF YOU!
YOU CAN'T JUST IGNORE WHAT THE SHADOW SAID!
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO DEFEAT YOUR SHADOW!
THE SHADOW IS PART OF YOU, TOO! YOU HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT TO OVERCOME IT!
W... WHO?
OKAY, GO AHEAD AND ACCEPT IT!
BUT I CAN'T FAIL!
THAT'S ME AS WELL! THAT'S MY TRUE SELF!
THAT'S GOOD!
...
...OKAY!
I'LL PROTECT EVERYONE !!!

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SFX WHOOSH
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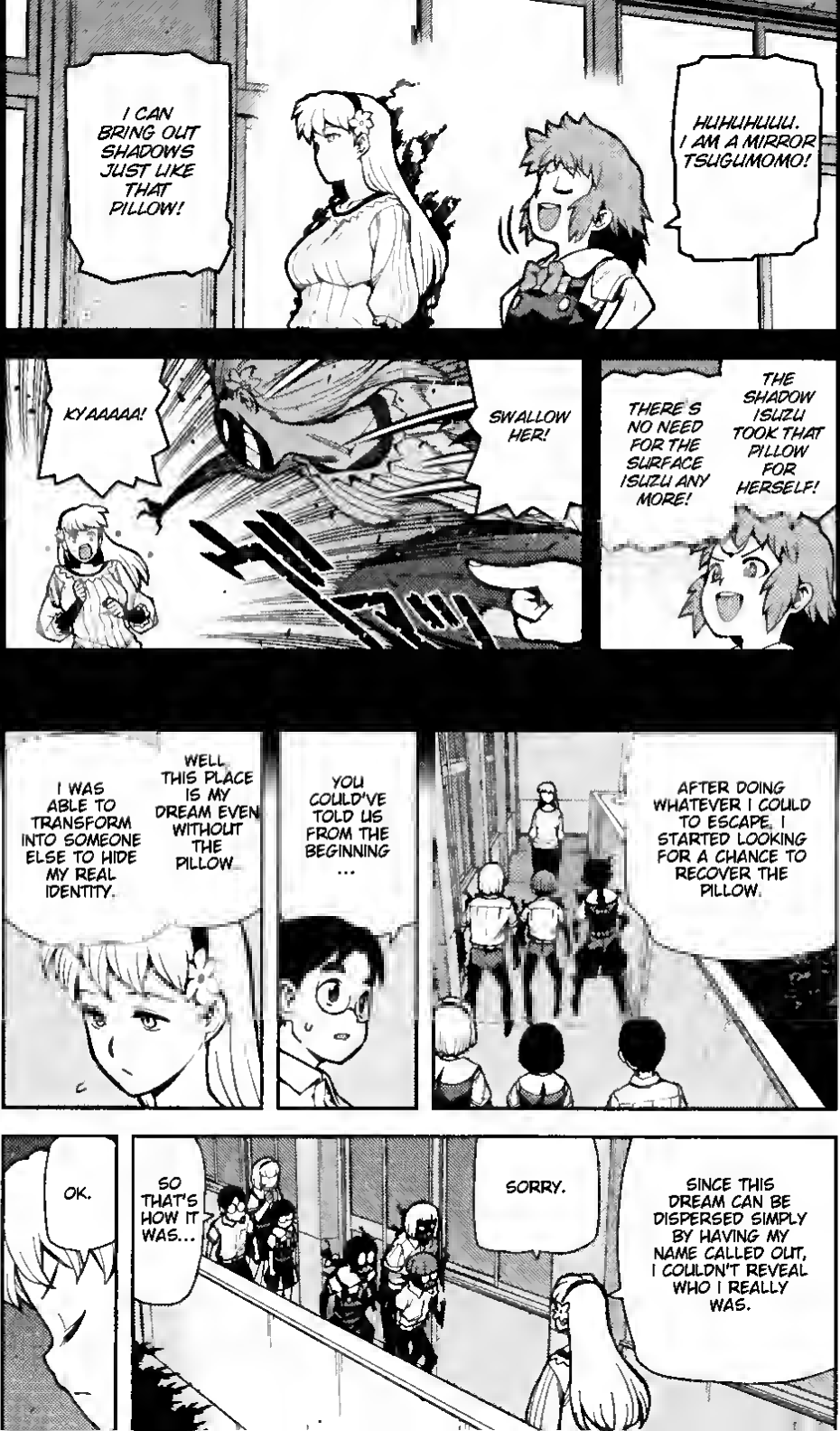
SO THIS IS ALL YOUR WORK!!
COME OUT NOW!!
SFX MAD
"SURFACE" ISUZU!!
BLIP

!!!
LOOKS LIKE YOU NOTICED, OSANAI.
SO IT REALLY WAS MISS IRIHA.
IF YOU'D CALLED OUT MY NAME, THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN TROUBLE.
BECAUSE ...
WHY DID YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...

SFX SHAKE
バタッ
MISS IRIHA !?
ガくっ。
Back into your ideal dream world.
SFX COLLAPSE
INSIDE ISUZU'S DREAMS
HMM...
I CAN'T TROUBLE THE KIDS LONGER JUST TO WORK ON MY LEADERSHIP SKILLS...
YEAH ...
WHEN YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS ARE STILL LACKING?
YOU'RE GIVING UP ALREADY?

THAT'S BORING!
!?
ビク
THE TRUTH IS, YOU LIKE IT HERE, DON'T YOU?
YOU DIDN'T REALLY MEAN THAT STUFF YOU JUST SAID, RIGHT? YOU ACTUALLY WANT TO CONTROL YOUR STUDENTS USING SHADOWS.
I- I NEVER-
BUT ISUZU CLEARLY SAID SO JUST NOW.
RIGHT?
YES.
GLARE
SFX CRACKLE
!?


I CAN BRING OUT SHADOWS JUST LIKE THAT PILLOW!
HUHUHUUU. I AM A MIRROR TSUGUMOMO!
KYAAAAA!
SWALLOW HER!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THE SURFACE ISUZU ANY MORE!
THE SHADOW ISUZU TOOK THAT PILLOW FOR HERSELF!
I WAS ABLE TO TRANSFORM INTO SOMEONE ELSE TO HIDE MY REAL IDENTITY.
WELL THIS PLACE IS MY DREAM EVEN WITHOUT THE PILLOW.
YOU COULD'VE TOLD US FROM THE BEGINNING ...
AFTER DOING WHATEVER I COULD TO ESCAPE, I STARTED LOOKING FOR A CHANCE TO RECOVER THE PILLOW.
OK.
SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS...
SORRY.
SINCE THIS DREAM CAN BE DISPERSED SIMPLY BY HAVING MY NAME CALLED OUT, I COULDN'T REVEAL WHO I REALLY WAS.

I'LL SWALLOW YOU THIS TIME.
IT'S USE-LESS.
?!!
I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
IF WE CAN'T GET THAT PILLOW BACK, ALL THE STUDENTS WILL BE SWALLOWED BY THEIR SHADOWS! THEY'LL BE CONTROLLED BY MY SHADOW-SELF, EVEN IN THE REAL WORLD!
COME, STUDENTS! CATCH THE SURFACE ISUZU, ALL TOGETHER NOW!
I'VE ALREADY SEIZED CONTROL OF THE STUDENTS.

IT'S TOO HARD TO FIGHT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
YOU WOULDN'T RAISE A HAND AGAINST YOUR OWN STUDENTS, WOULD YOU?

OVER HERE!
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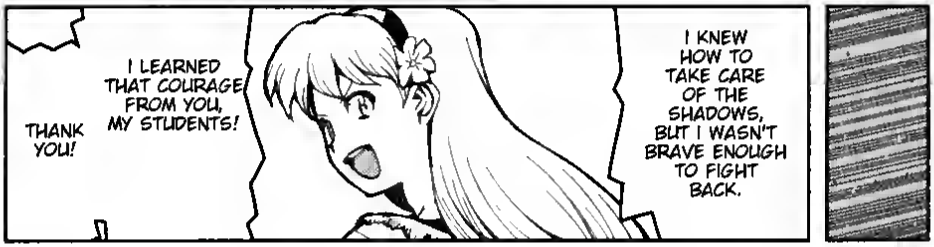
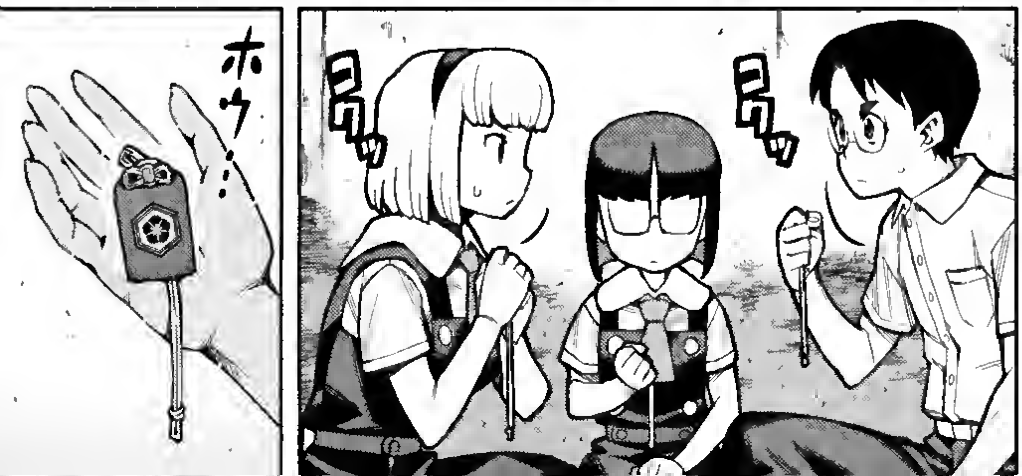

I KNEW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF THE SHADOWS, BUT I WASN'T BRAVE ENOUGH TO FIGHT BACK.
I LEARNED THAT COURAGE FROM YOU, MY STUDENTS!
THANK YOU!

YOU THREE HIDE YOUR-SELVES!
DASH
THIS IS SOMETHING I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!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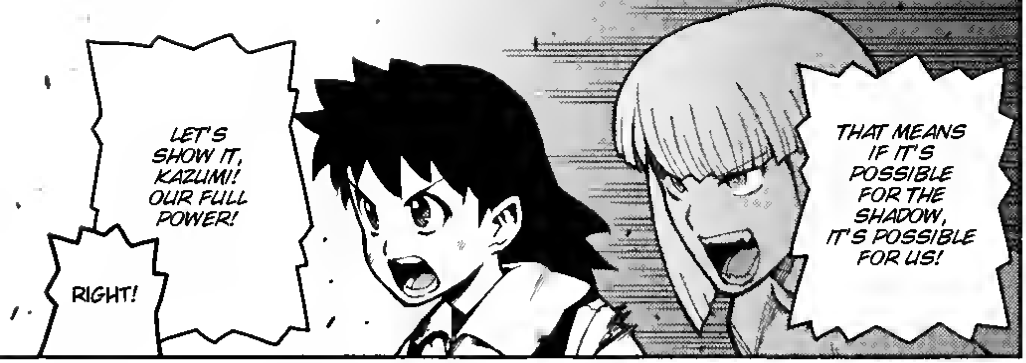
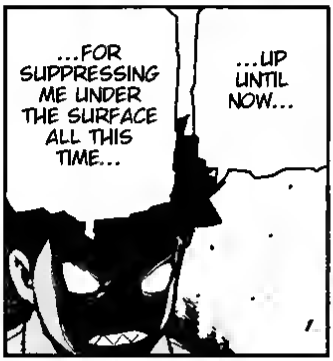
ENOUGH ALREADY!
!
...UNDER-STOOD.
I DON'T NEED A STUDENT WHO WON'T OBEY ME! ELIMINATE HIM!
DEFEAT YOUR SHADOW LIKE YOU JUST DID!
DON'T GET TRAPPED BY YOUR OWN LIMITATIONS!
IF YOUR SHADOW CAN DO IT, THAT MEANS YOU CAN DO IT TOO!
THERE ARE TWO TEACHERS!?
KAGAMI!
GLANCE
SO THAT'S WHERE YOU RAN OFF TO!
SURFACE ISUZU!


LET'S SHOW IT, KAZUMI! OUR FULL POWER!
RIGHT!
THAT MEANS IF IT'S POSSIBLE FOR THE SHADOW, IT'S POSSIBLE FOR US!

HE HE...
I'LL USE THIS OBI TO MESS YOU UP.


...FOR SUPPRESSING ME UNDER THE SURFACE ALL THIS TIME...
...UP UNTIL NOW...

SFX RUSTLE

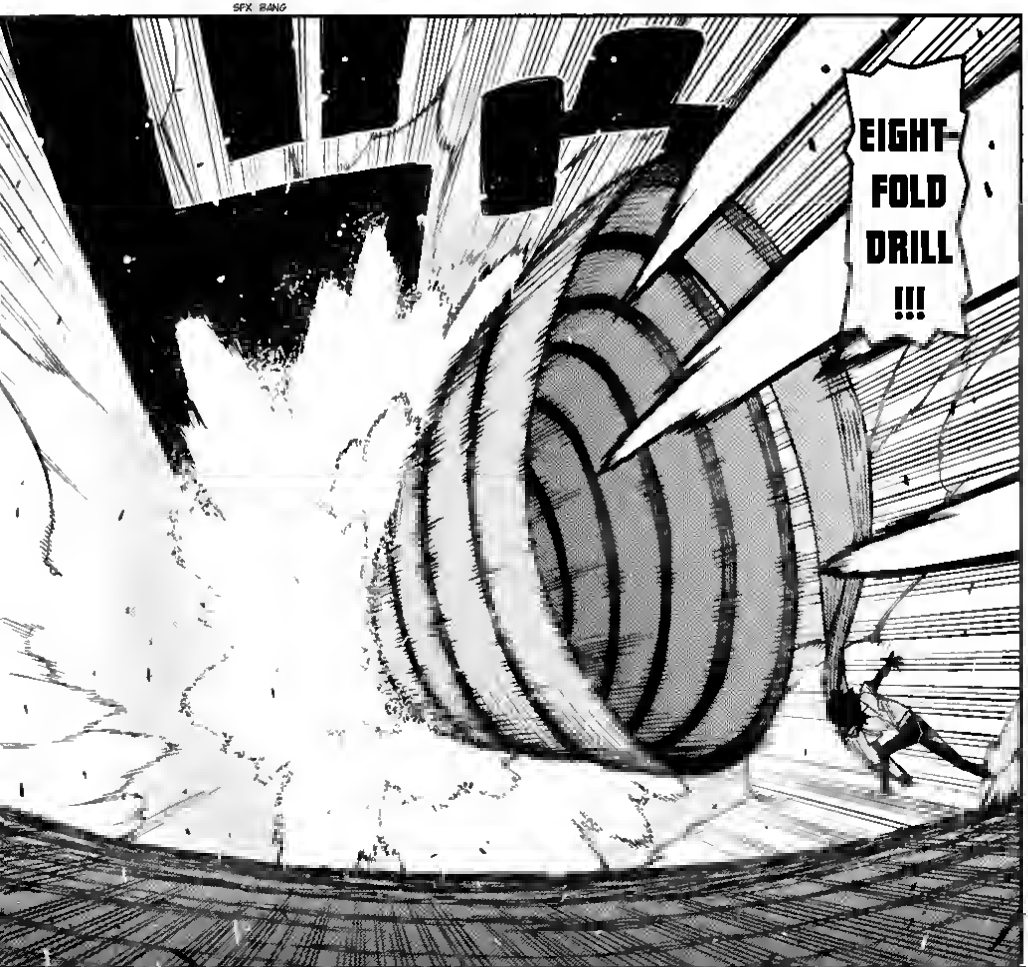
I FEEL WONDER-FUL.

IF THE SHADOW CAN UTILIZE EVERY OUNCE OF OUR REAL POWER,
ALL THE SURFACE PERSON-ALITY NEEDS TO DO IS SURPASS THAT.

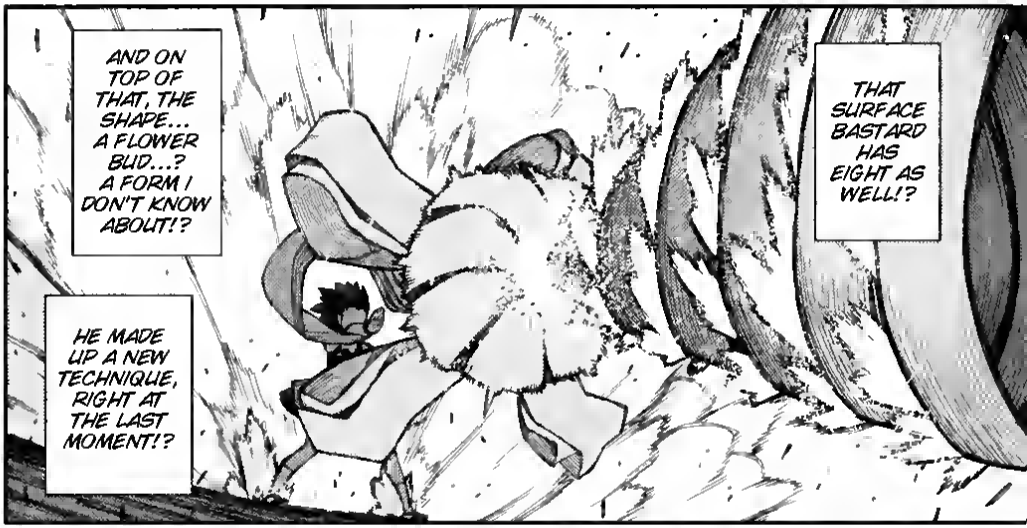
THAT'S HOW...
EVEN STRONGER THAN BEFORE!
EVEN BIGGER THAN BEFORE!
EVEN FASTER THAN BEFORE!

SPIRAL WEAVE!!

...I'VE ALWAYS DONE IT!


SFX: BANG
EIGHT-FOLD DRILL !!!

...!?
USELESS STRUGGLING! I'LL PIERCE A MERE THREE-OBI WEAVE INSTANTLY!
WAS IT BLOCKED WITH A SHIELD!?

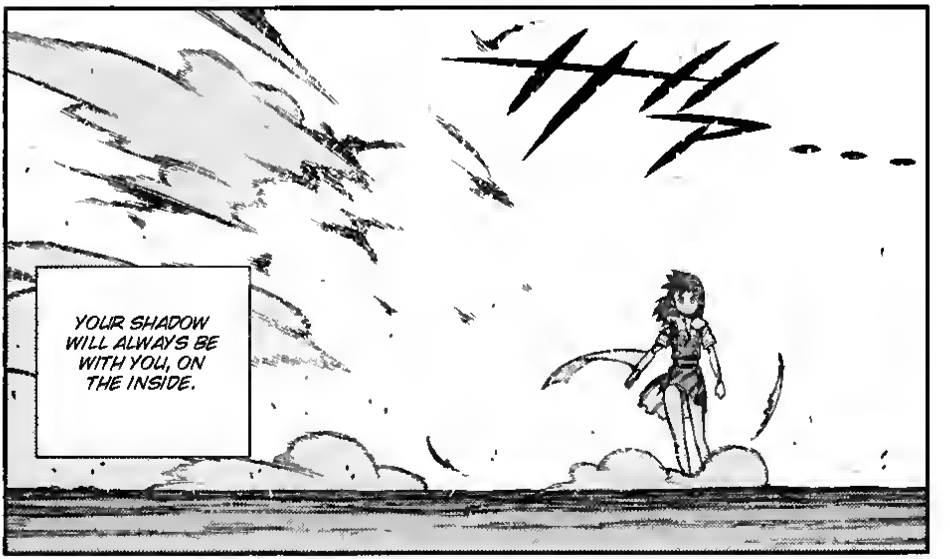

AND ON TOP OF THAT, THE SHAPE... A FLOWER BUD...? A FORM I DON'T KNOW ABOUT!?
HE MADE UP A NEW TECHNIQUE, RIGHT AT THE LAST MOMENT!?
THAT SURFACE BASTARD HAS EIGHT AS WELL!?

SPIRAL WEAVE ...
CRUNCH
YES!
GO, KAZUMI!

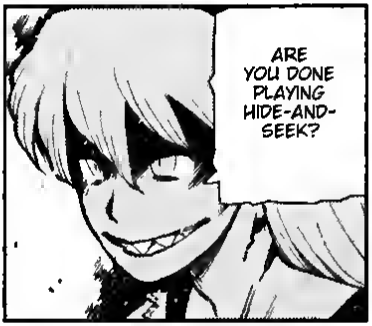
SFX: CRASH
SFX: CRUNCH
POP
EIGHT-FOLD CHERRY BLOSSOM !!!

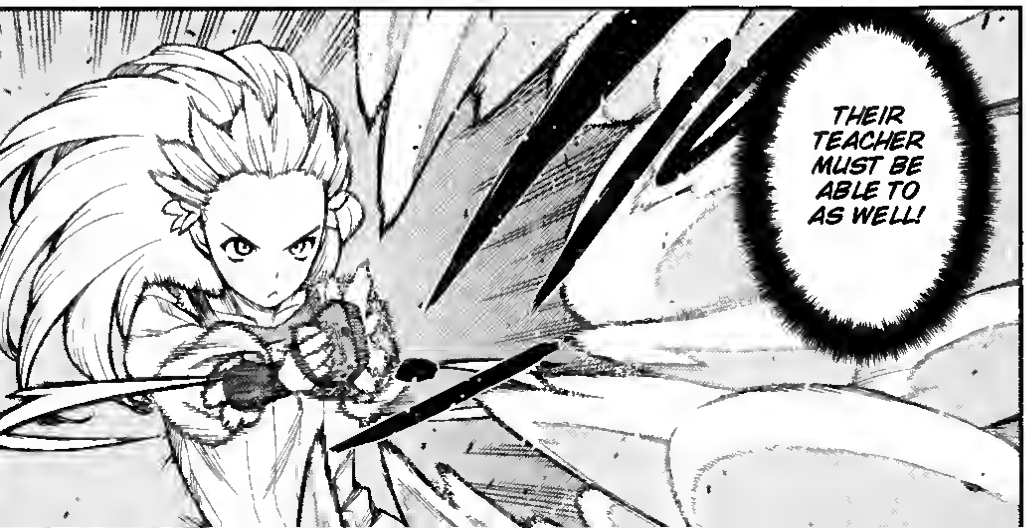
THAT'S KAGAMI KAZUYA FOR YOU.
I WAS COMPLETELY DEFEATED ...

BUT DON'T FORGET.


YOUR SHADOW WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU, ON THE INSIDE.

IF THE STUDENTS CAN DEFEAT A SHADOW ...
YES, I'LL SETTLE THIS RIGHT HERE.


ARE YOU DONE PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK?


THEIR TEACHER MUST BE ABLE TO AS WELL!

A SMOKE-SCREEN, AGAIN...
SFX: VWOOSH
PEN-CILS?
SFX: BAM BAM BAM BAM

WHAT ...
SFX: SLASH
A BATON !?
UGH
HOW DOES A REGULAR BATON HAVE THIS KIND OF POWER!?
!?
!?

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Cut the Gordian knot
ptoo
ぼし
Firestorm Ignition
AAARG

GAH

HOLD ON, CHILDREN!

THERE IT IS!
POKE

SFX SNORK

!?

SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENON!!
I'LL DESTROY IT RIGHT NOW!

!!
GIVE UP!
wave
HUHUHU, THESE STUDENTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE SHADOWS. HARMING THEM HERE WILL HURT THEM IN REALITY AS WELL.
TO USE STUDENTS AS A SHIELD!
CAPTURE HER!

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SO THAT'S IT.
Supernatural Phenomenon
RUSTLE
LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN ONLY USE IT ONCE.
IF YOU HOLD THIS IN YOUR MOUTH, IT GRANTS YOU AN ABILITY RELATED TO WHATEVER'S WRITTEN ON IT, RIGHT?
BUT IT'S OVER NOW.
HI!
UGH ...
YOU REALLY ARE A LANGUAGE TEACHER. HOW INTERESTING.

PLEASE WAIT!!
!
HOLD HER TIGHT NOW, KIDS.
バッ
UUURG!
I WILL SWALLOW YOU COMPLETELY, INCLUDING THIS ABILITY OF YOURS.
GO!
DO YOU WANT TO BE SWALLOWED BY YOUR SHADOWS THAT BADLY?
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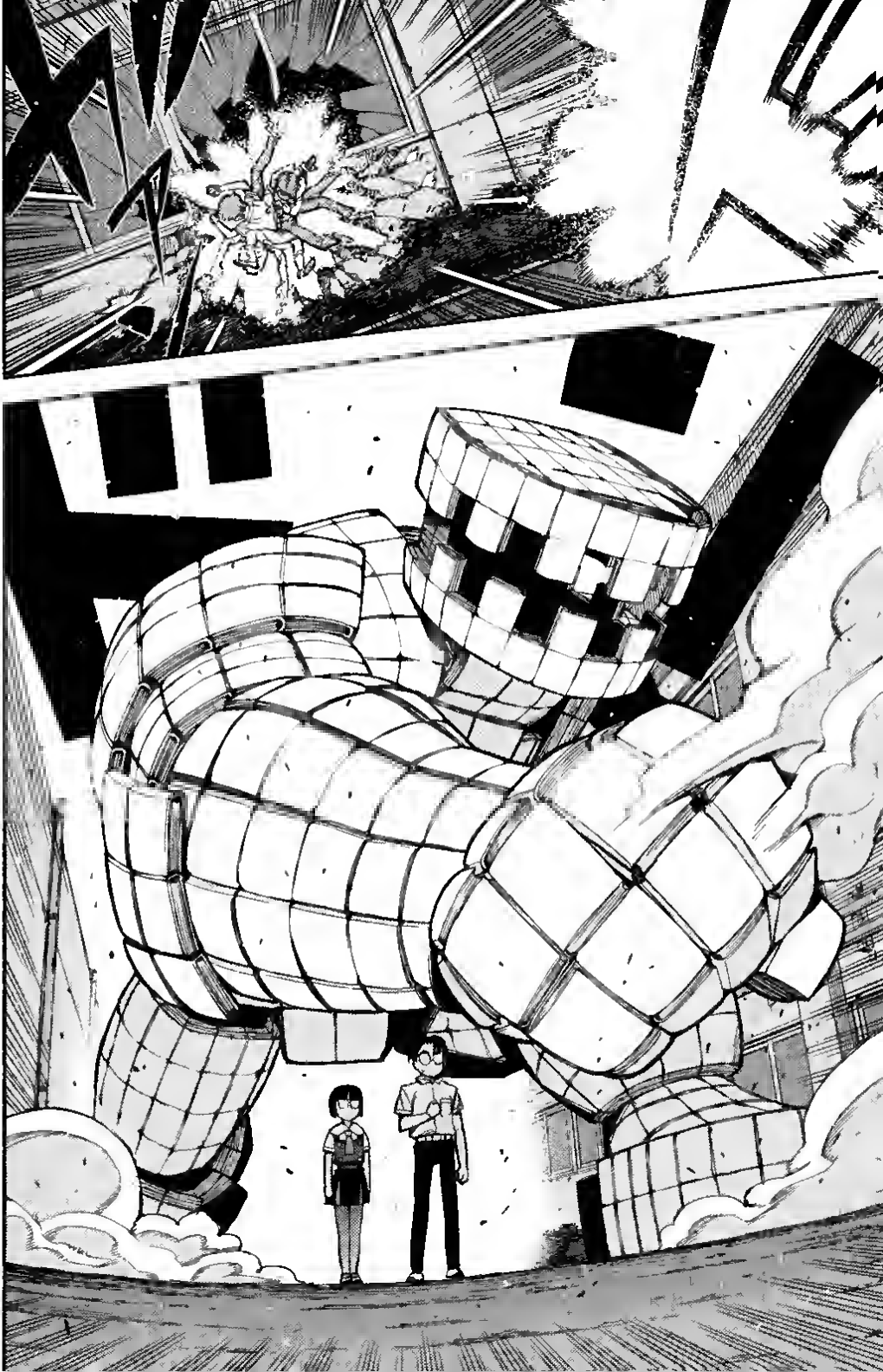
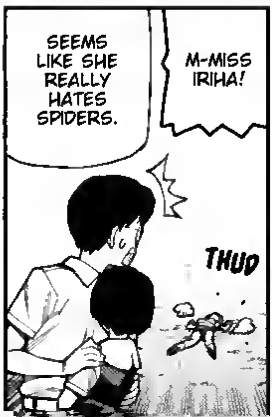
OH, YOU GUYS…



USE IT ONLY WHEN YOU REALLY NEED TO, OKAY?
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? THIS OBJECT HAS THE ABILITY TO SUMMON THE AMASOGI MOST RELATED TO YOU.
I OWE A BIT TO OUR DEITY.
WHERE DID SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
A GIANT MADE OF BOOKS!?
!?
THEN THE STUDENTS ...
SFX: OOOOOOHHH
OKAY, WE'RE GETTING OUTTA HERE!
GRR ...
GRIND
WITH THIS, ALL OF THE STUDENTS ARE LIKE MY SERVANTS!
BE-WITCHING PERFUME !!

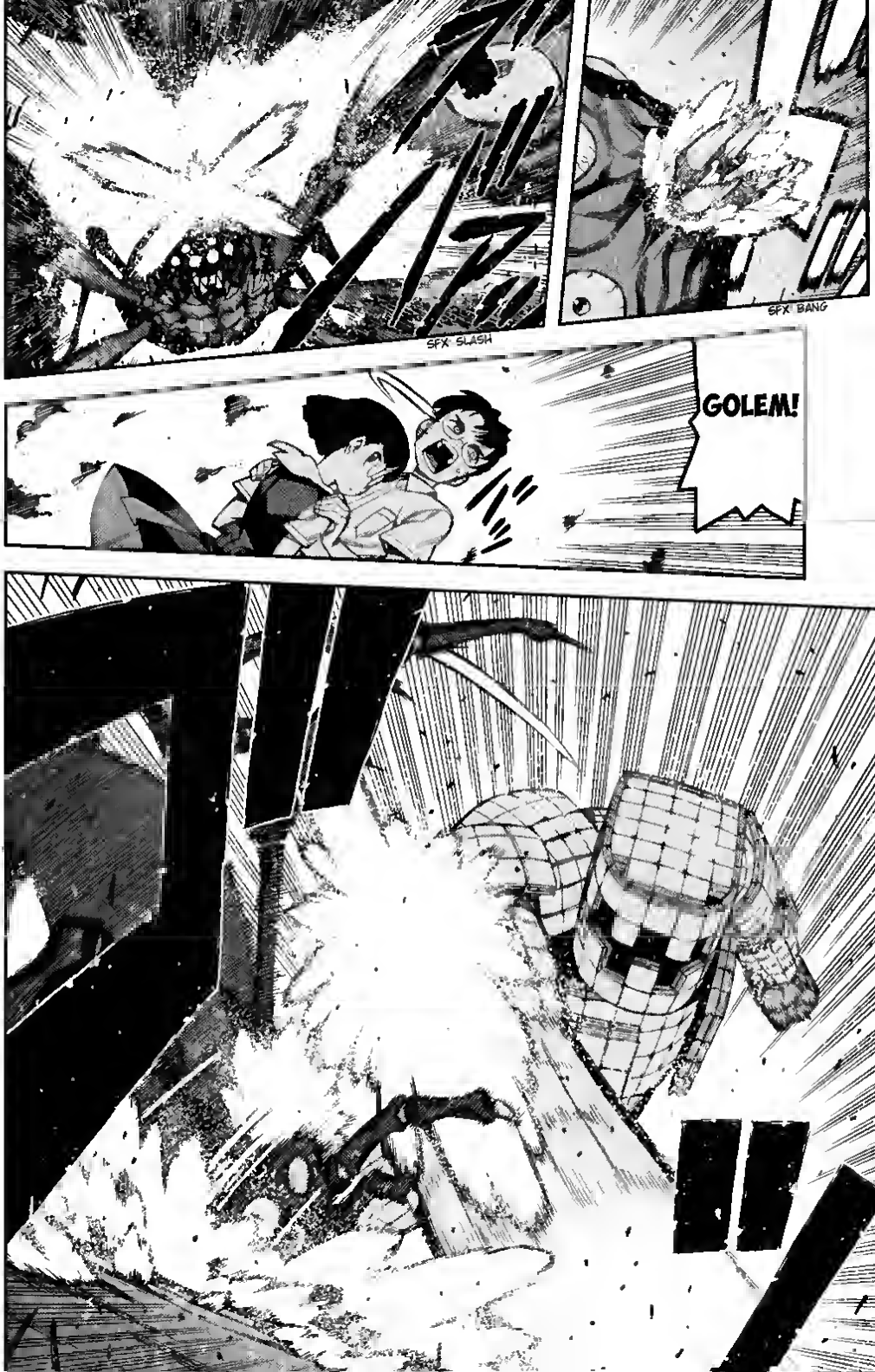
!?
SFX: SCREEECH
INCAR-NATION SKETCH-BOOK.
Hip
Hiss
IT WOULDN'T BE OUT OF PLACE FOR SHADOW TO BE ABLE TO USE IT AS WELL!
IF THE SURFACE PERSON-ALITY CAN USE THAT ABILITY ...
ジャキジャキ
HU HU HU ...
.....
CREAK
T-THANKS ...
ALRIGHT, FINISH IT!

MONSTER TRANSFORMATION!!!


SEEMS LIKE SHE REALLY HATES SPIDERS.
M-MISS IRIHA!
THUD

IIIII HAAAATE SPIDEERS!!!!!!!!!

WHAT!?


SFX: SLASH
SFX: BANG
GOLEM!

CREAK
!?
CREAK...
ミシルルル
THE SPIDER'S THREAD !!
SFX: WRAP

DONE.
WOAH ...

FLARE DRAGON !!!

SFX: ROOAAAAR
!? IT'S GONE !!
AWE-SOME!

バッ
SFX: SPLATTER

SFX SLASH

SORRY. KEPT YOU WAITING, HUH?

YOU'RE LATE, KAGAMI!
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スパッ

LEAVE THE REST TO THE EXPERTS!
YOU DID WELL BUYING TIME.
THE EFFECT WAS TOO STROOOONG!
I HAD TO PROTECT SHITONE'S CHASTITY ALONG THE WAY.
OUUOOO... ONE ATTACK AFTER ANOTHER...!
I WILL CRUSH YOU!!!

SFX. SLICE SLICE SLICE SLICE
SFX PSSSHHHH
SFX. GYAAAAAAAAAAAAA
!!"

FAN WEAVE!!
TSK.

SFX: BAM BAM BAM BAM
GRAB
GRAB
GRAB
SFX: POW POW POW POW POW POW
GYAAA

YOU NEED TO GET THE OWNER TO DESTROY THE PILLOW!
I KNOW!
OSANE! CHIKAO! WAKE THE TEACHER UP!
GOT IT!
THEN UNTIL ISUZU IS READY, LET'S WEAKEN THE BASTARD!
YEAH!
SFX: SLIIIDE
SFX: TAP
THERE'S A SPIDER WEB ON THE GROUND!?
sticky...

IT'S FUTILE, THIS WEB IS EXTREMELY ADHESIVE!
UGH ...

HAH!

ONLY HER CLOTHES?
THIS IS...?

YOU KNOW, THERE ARE SOME SPIDERS THAT LAY TRAPS AROUND THEIR TERRITORY!
A HA HA HA HA !!

SHE ESCAPED BY TEARING OFF HER CLOTHES!?
AAAAH! HOW EMBARR-ASSING!
BUT IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!
SFX. SPLURT
!!

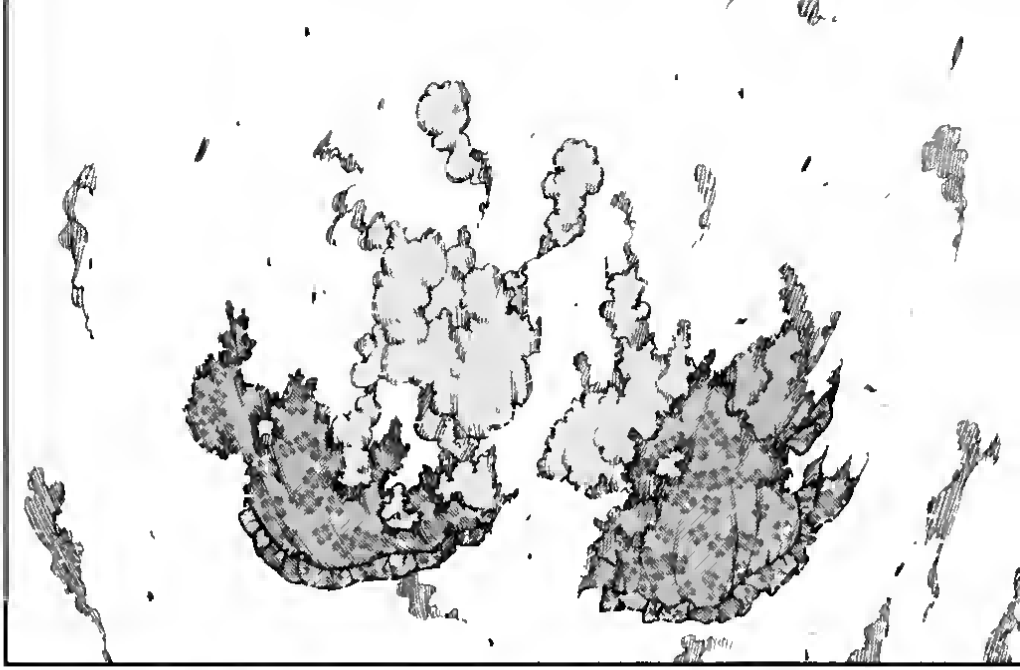
PSSSSHH
SHHK
SFX. WHOOSH
I ALMOST DIED!!
SFX. HISS
!?
I'LL GAIN SOME DISTANCE FOR NOW...
SFX. BAM
SPIRAL WEAVE!!
THIS SIDE TOO!?

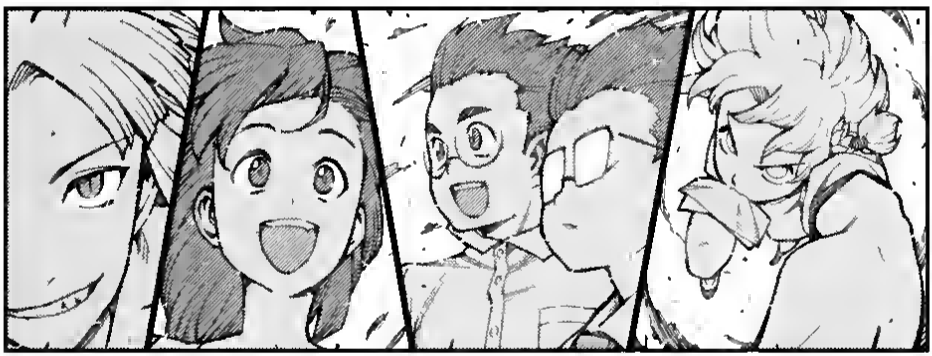
EIGHT-
FOLD
STRIKE!!

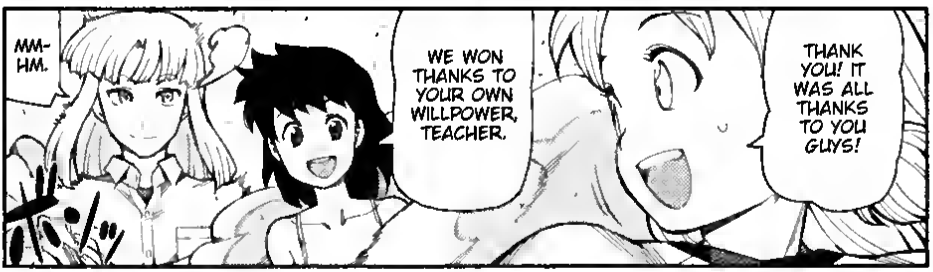
SFX: THUMP THUMP
THERE IT IS!!!

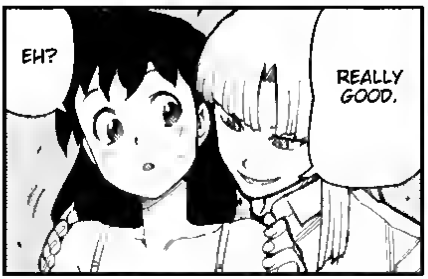
OK !!
FINISH IT!!
Reckless Assault

CRITICAL FINISH!!!

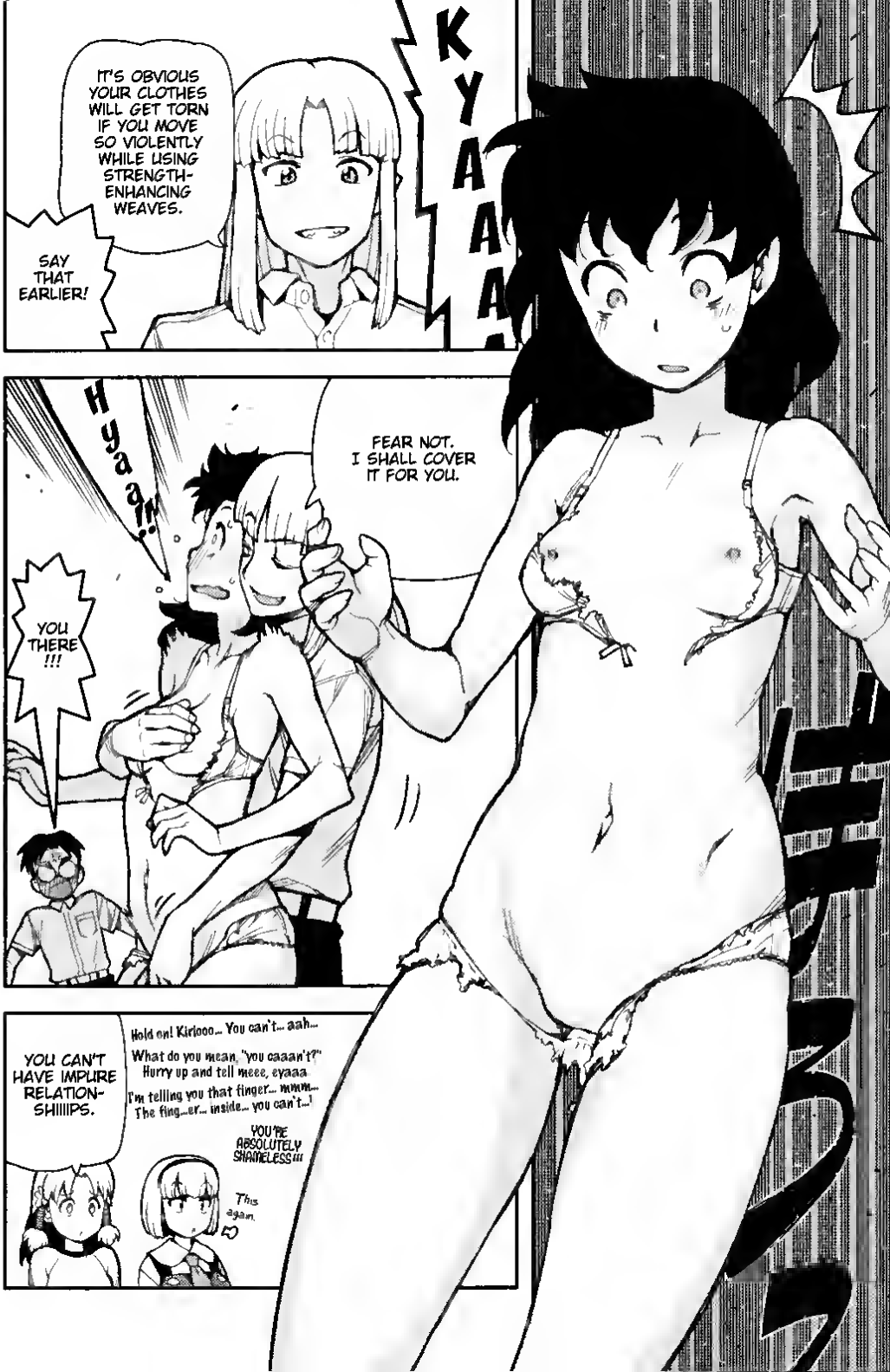


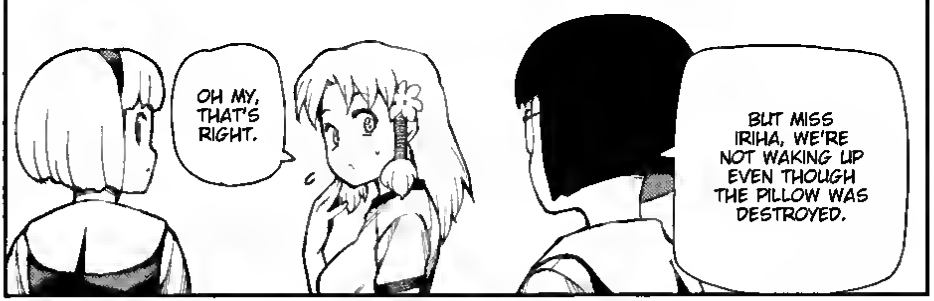


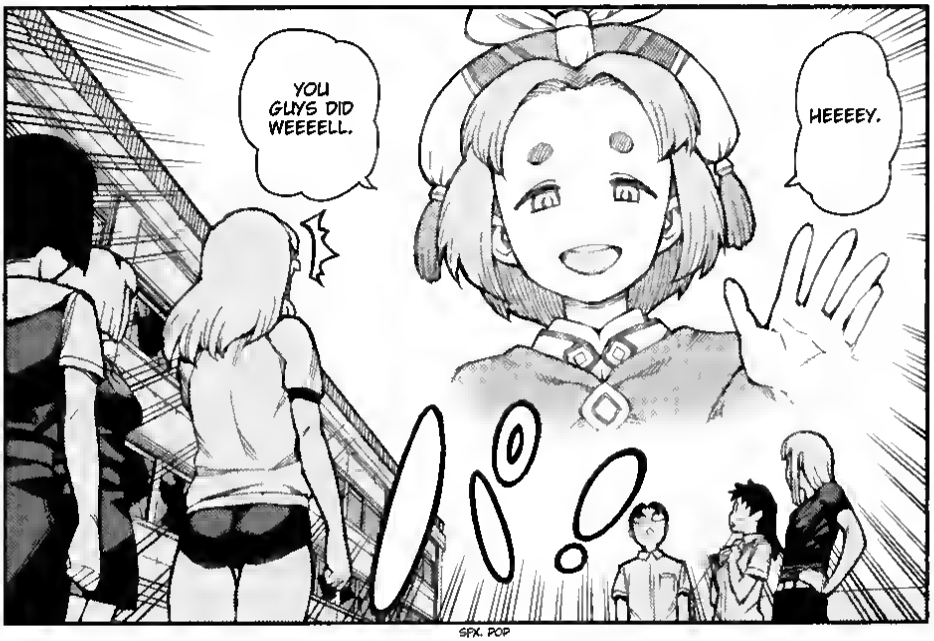

MM-HM.
WE WON THANKS TO YOUR OWN WILLPOWER, TEACHER.
THANK YOU! IT WAS ALL THANKS TO YOU GUYS!


EH?
REALLY GOOD.

K-KAZUMI! YOU LOOK...

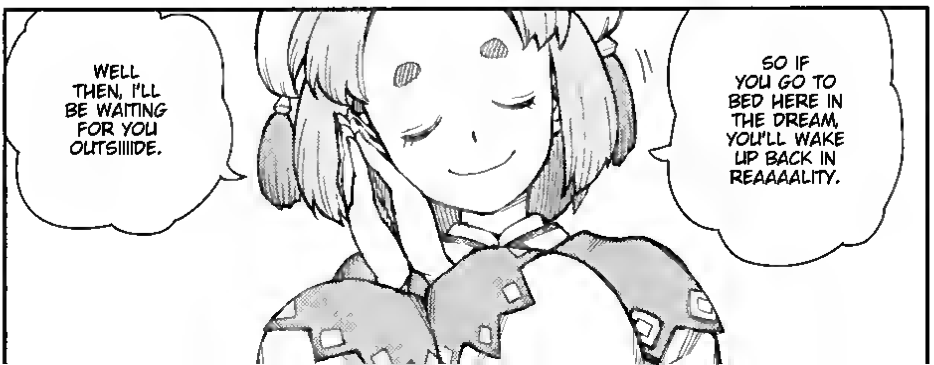

KYAAAA
IT'S OBVIOUS YOUR CLOTHES WILL GET TORN IF YOU MOVE SO VIOLENTLY WHILE USING STRENGTH-ENHANCING WEAVES.
SAY THAT EARLIER!
FEAR NOT. I SHALL COVER IT FOR YOU.
Hyaa!!
YOU THERE !!!
YOU CAN'T HAVE IMPURE RELATION-SHIIIIPS.
Hold on! Kirlooo... You can't... aah...
What do you mean, "you caaan't?" Hurry up and tell meee, eyaaa
I'm telling you that finger... mmm... The fing...er... inside... you can't...!
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY SHAMELESS!!!
This again.

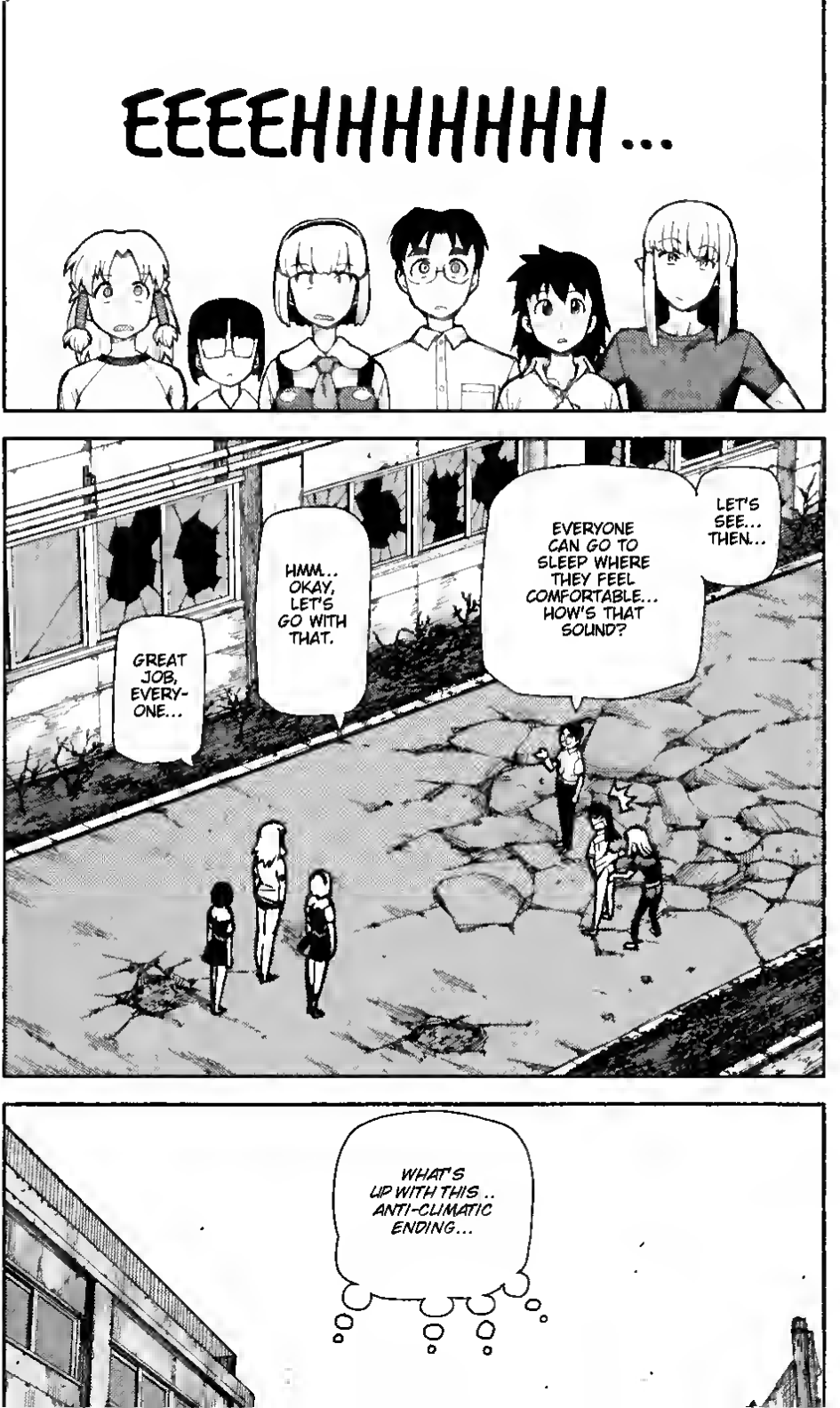

OH MY, THAT'S RIGHT.
BUT MISS IRIHA, WE'RE NOT WAKING UP EVEN THOUGH THE PILLOW WAS DESTROYED.


YOU GUYS DID WEEEELL.
HEEEEY.
パ!?

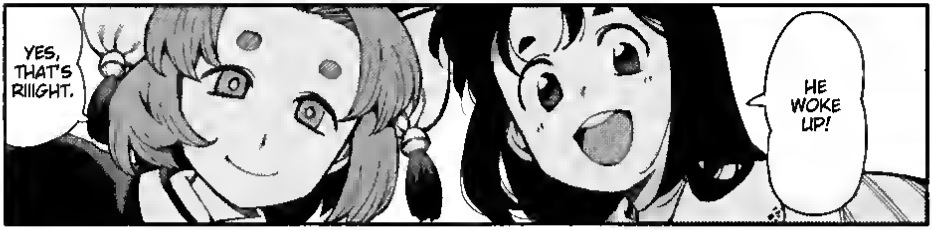
SFX. POP

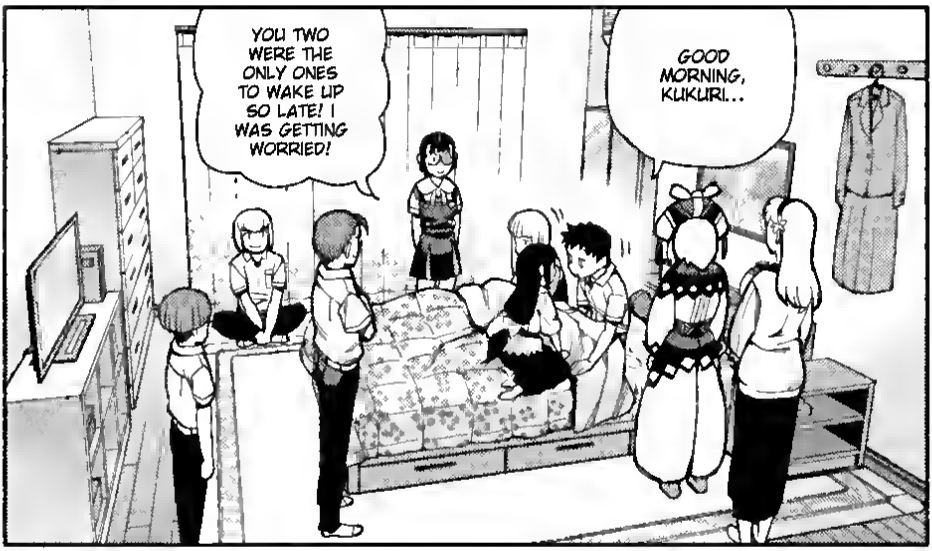
NOW, WITH THE PILLOW OUT OF THE PICTURE, THIS IS JUST AN ORDINARY DREAM.
I SHALL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIOOON.

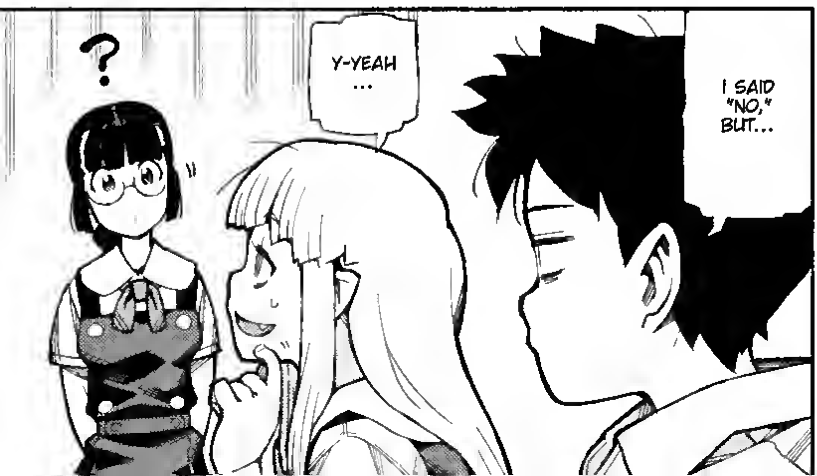

WELL THEN, I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU OUTSIIIIDE.
SO IF YOU GO TO BED HERE IN THE DREAM, YOU'LL WAKE UP BACK IN REAAAALITY.


EEEEHHHHHHH...
LET'S SEE... THEN...
EVERYONE CAN GO TO SLEEP WHERE THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE... HOW'S THAT SOUND?
HMM... OKAY, LET'S GO WITH THAT.
GREAT JOB, EVERY-ONE...
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS.. ANTI-CLIMATIC ENDING...

HNNM


YES, THAT'S RIIIGHT.
HE WOKE UP!


YOU TWO WERE THE ONLY ONES TO WAKE UP SO LATE! I WAS GETTING WORRIED!
GOOD MORNING, KUKURI...


?
Y-YEAH ...
I SAID "NO," BUT...

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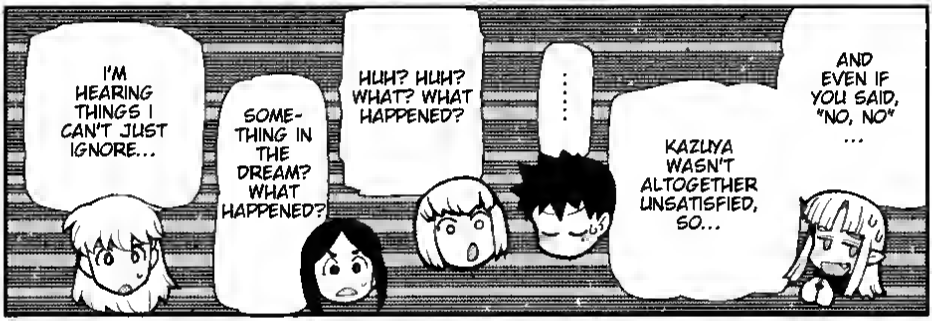
I SAID "NO!" BUT KIRIHAAAA ...!!!
N-NOOO... ONE COULD SAY THAT IT HAPPENED NATURALLY... ON IMPULSE, REALLY...


AND EVEN IF YOU SAID, "NO, NO" ...
KAZUYA WASN'T ALTOGETHER UNSATISFIED, SO...
.....
HUH? HUH? WHAT? WHAT HAPPENED?
SOME-THING IN THE DREAM? WHAT HAPPENED?
I'M HEARING THINGS I CAN'T JUST IGNORE...

KIRIHA! EXPLAIN YOURSELF! IN DETAIL!!
N-NAH ...

AFTER THE DREAM WORLD'S UPHEAVAL WAS BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL,
MISS IRIHA RECEIVED NO CURSE BACKLASH, AND ALL OF THE STUDENTS WOKE UP WITH NO TROUBLE.
THUS, THE SCHOOL WENT BACK TO NORMAL, EVERYDAY LIFE.
THERE WAS JUST ONE CHANGE...
YOU, TAKAYAMA!
WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE A PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE!?
MISS IRIHA'S PERSONALITY.
SFX: NOOGIE NOOGIE
IT MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN A BIT TOO STRONG...
OWOWOW! TEACHER! I'M SORRY!
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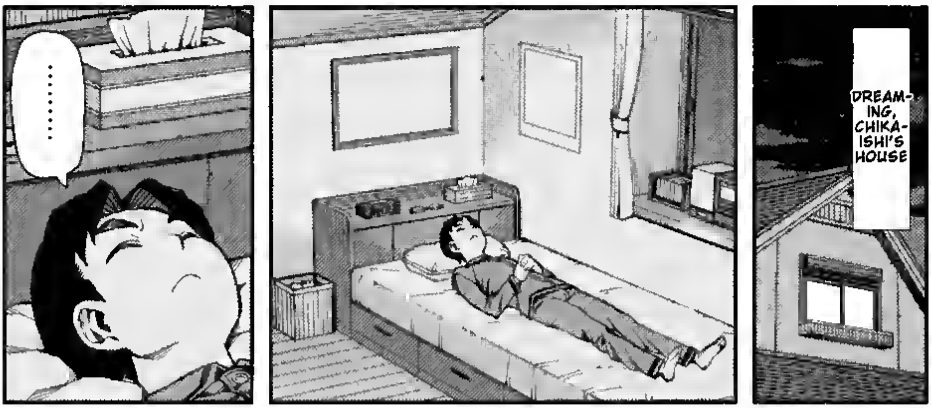
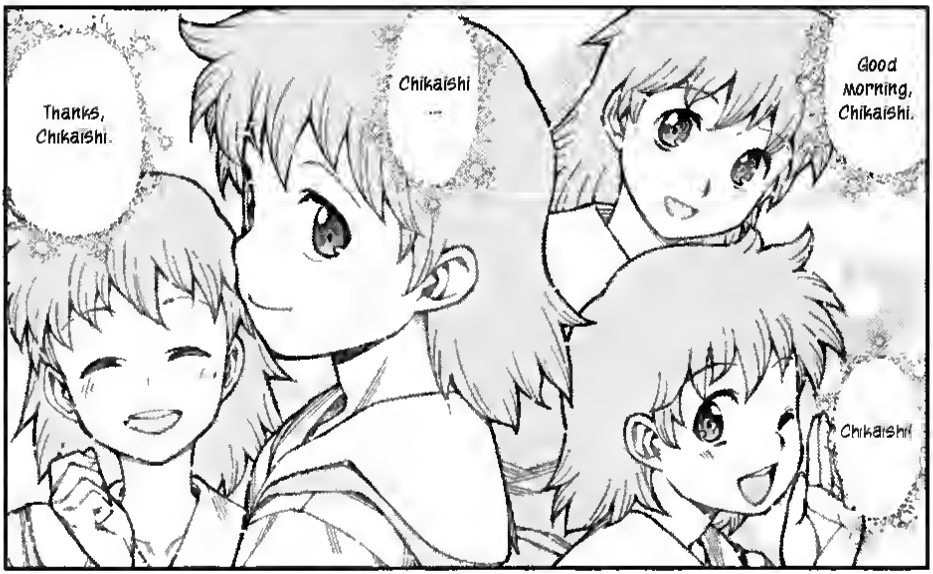
SHE WAS ALWAYS DRIVING THAT PART OF HERSELF AWAY.
UNTIL NOW, SHE SUPPRESSED HER SHADOW SELF MORE THAN SHE NEEDED TO.
EH?
THAT MIGHT BE ISUZU'S TRUE SELF.
BLA BLA BLA BLA BLA BLA BLA BLA BLA BLA
NOW, AFTER ACCEPTING HER SHADOW SELF AND LETTING SOME OF IT OUT, SHE FOUND OUT WHO SHE REALLY IS.
IS THAT SO...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
MAYBE YOU SHOULD LET OUT SOME OF YOUR SHADOW'S DESIRE? I WOULDN'T MIND.
WA HA HA!

The End of Everyone's Dream





Hey!
KIRIO, NOT THERE-
NO, YOU'RE WR-
SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT MEANS YOU'RE TRYING TO SEDUCE ME, RIGHT?
NOT WHERE? TELL ME, HMMM?
AHH... AHHH...
INSTINCT SUGGESTS A SOLUTION.
IT'S WORSE THAN BEFORE!

Use me however you like, Shirou ♡
SHIRAMINE'S HOUSE
ARGH, DAMMIT!

THIS BODY IS MY MALE SELF'S IDEAL, Y'KNOW-
BUT I CAN'T GET TURNED ON!
WHAT A WASTE!
NO, WAIT A MINUTE ...
BEING ATTRACTED TO MALES IS TO BE EXPECTED.
IT'S ONLY NATURAL, SINCE WE'RE CURRENTLY FEMALE.
バッ
WHAT IF IT'S JUST THAT I CAN'T GET FIRED UP TO MY OWN NAKED BODY!?
カバッ
PLEASE CALM DOWN.
...OSANE.

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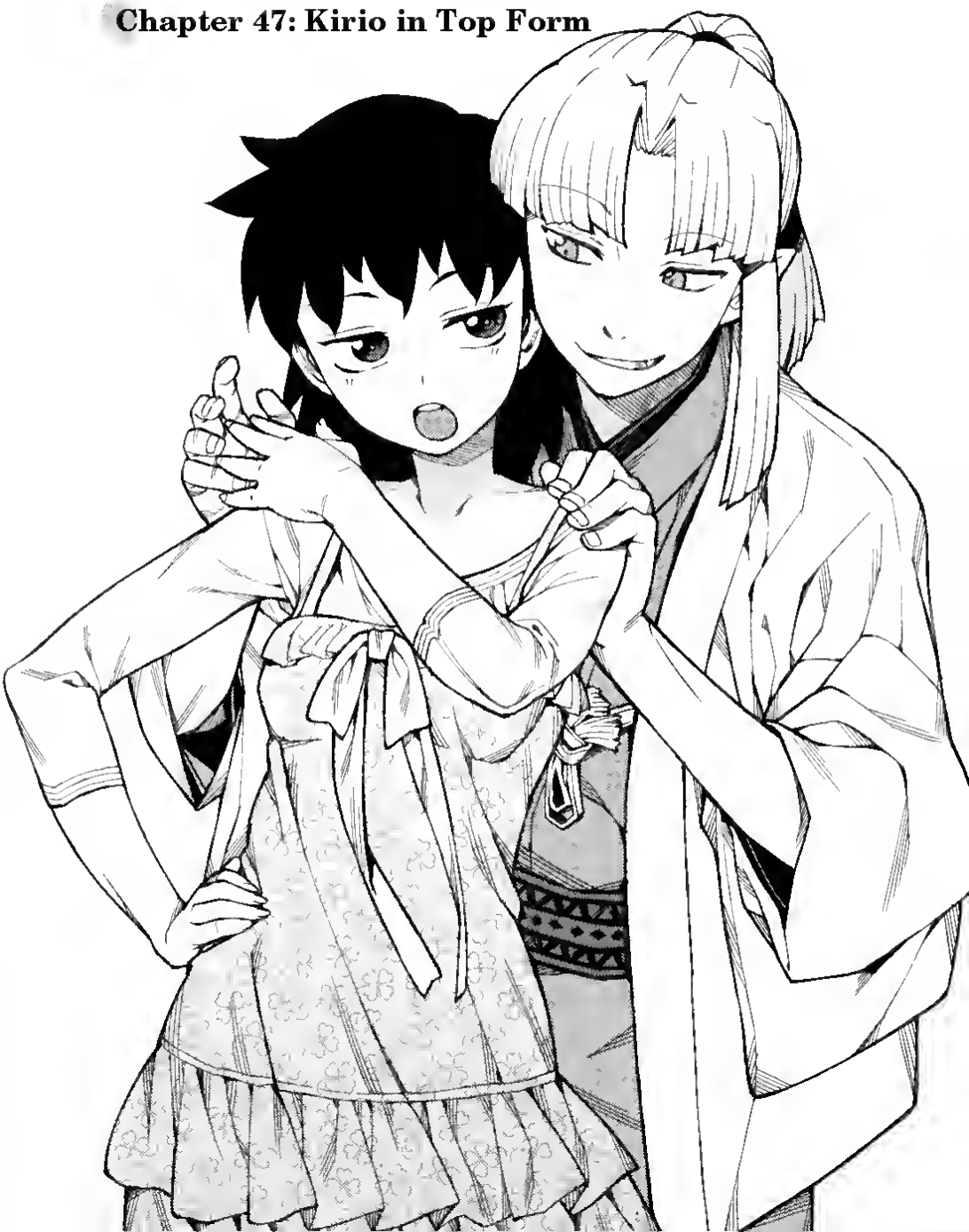
ハアッ
WELL, THERE'S SOMETHING NEW.
IT'LL COST YOU MORE THAN 100 PAGES WORTH OF TONING TO PAY THIS OFF...

ISUZU'S HOUSE
MY SKIN WAS REALLY SOMETHING ELSE TEN YEARS AGO...
SUCH FIRMNESS AND LUSTRE, EVEN WITHOUT MAKEUP ...
.....
ISUZU IRIHA, 28 YEARS OLD, UNMARRIED, NO BOY-FRIEND.
I DON'T WANNA GO BACK TO THE REAL WORLD...
OOHHH ...

Chapter 47: Kirio in Top Form



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SFX: IRRITATED
……
JUST AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PILLOW INCIDENT
HE'S IN A REALLY FOUL MOOD, EEEEHH.
WANNA TRY TALKING ABOUT IT, KAZUYAN?
……
YOU DID DO SOMETHING SERIOUS!
HMMM.. NOTHING SERIOUS...
WHAT IN THE WORLD DID YOU DO, KIRIHA?

INSIDE ISUZU'S DREAM
WE'RE BAAACK.
OK, LET'S FALL ASLEEP QUICKLY AND GO BACK TO THE REAL WORLD.
HOLD ON, WOULDN'T IT BE ALRIGHT TO STAY A BIT MORE?
HEEEY, WE'RE BAAACK.
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OH?
WE WERE FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES AND YET THESE GUYS WERE JUST TAKING IT EASY.
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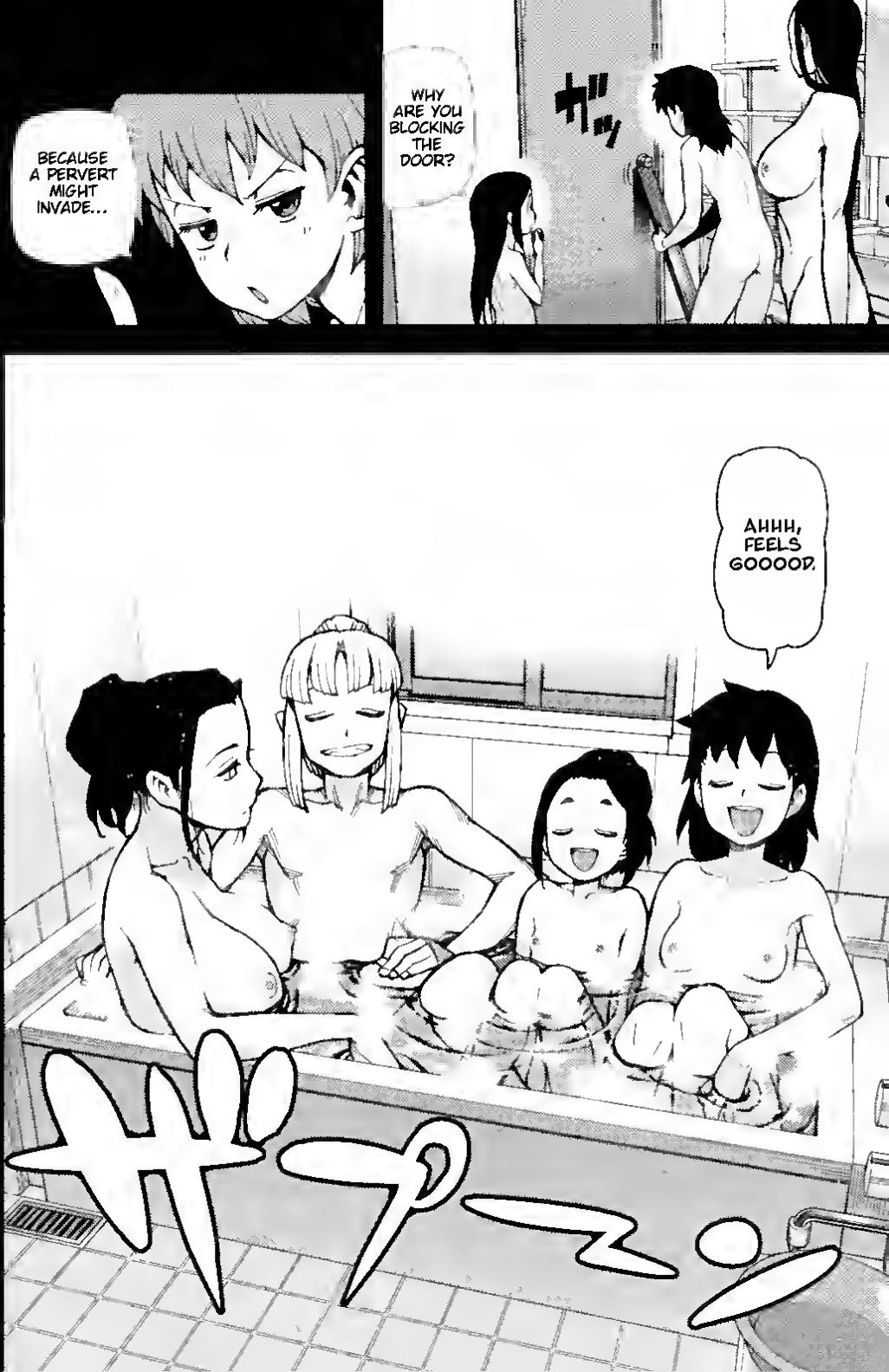
IT'D BE MEAN TO WAKE THEM UP, SO LET'S HEAD TO OUR ROOM.
OK. YOU GO AHEAD OF ME.
REALLY? THEN I'LL TAKE A BATH BEFORE I GO TO SLEEP...
HMMWAA ...?
suck suck
suck
suck
suck
WHAAAAAT !!?
AH. YOU'RE AWAKE, KUKURI?

THESE ARE MY BREASTS!
I'M THE ONLY ONE ALLOWED TO SUCK ON THEM!
FOOL! THESE DON'T BELONG TO ANYONE!
THEY'RE EVERY-ONE'S BREASTS!!
THEY'RE KOKUYOU'S BREASTS!
SFX: ROLL ROLL
ジタバタ
SHEESH, YOU CAN'T TAKE AN EYE OFF HIM...
WHEN I SEE BREASTS LIKE THAT, I CAN'T HELP BUT SUCK THEM! YOU DUNCE!
SFX: STOPS
ピタッ
AH, THAT SOUNDS GOOD.
WHY DON'T WE LEAVE THIS IDIOT ALONE AND TAKE A BATH TOGETHER, KUKURI?


BECAUSE A PERVERT MIGHT INVADE...
WHY ARE YOU BLOCKING THE DOOR?
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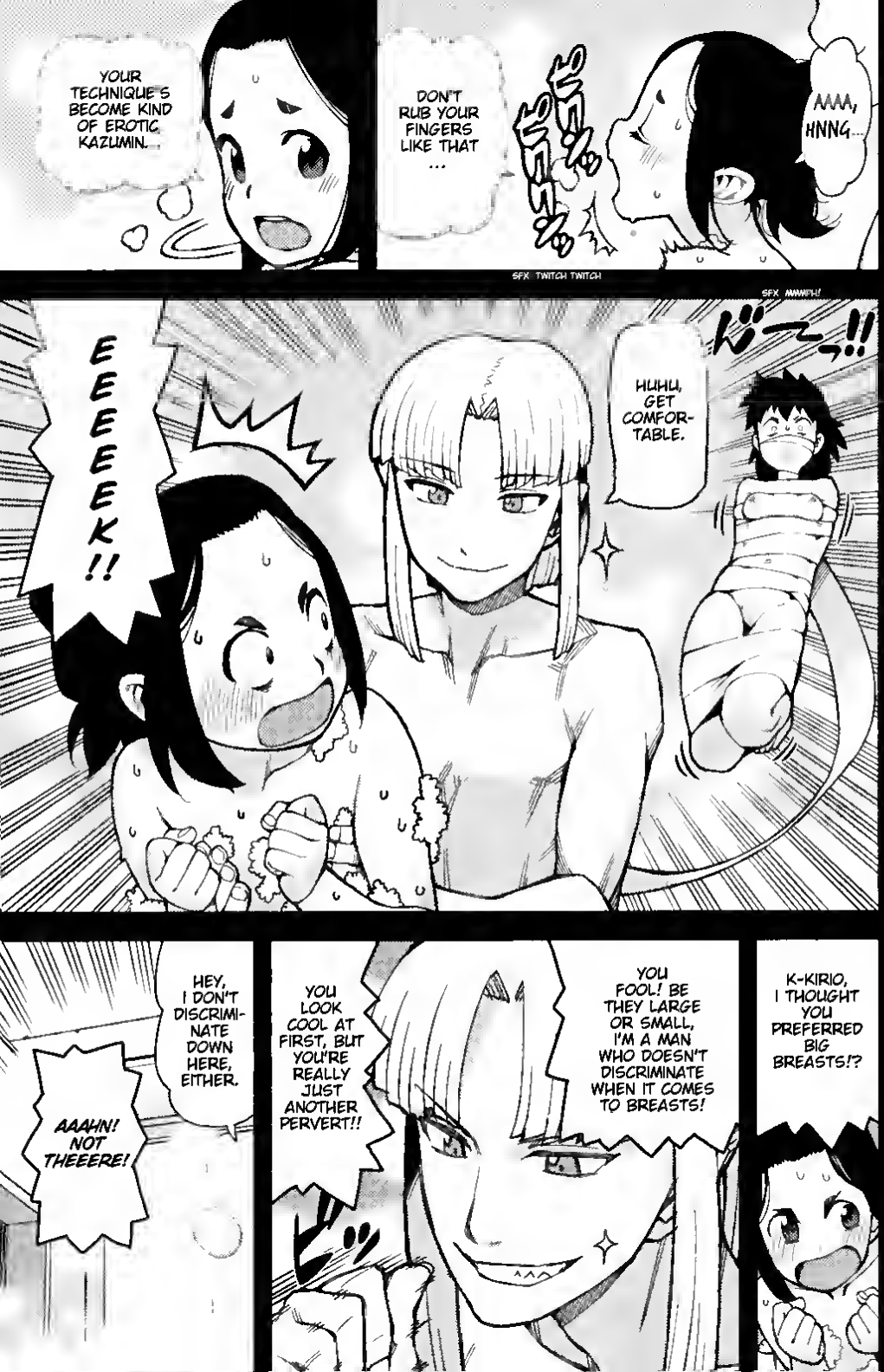
AHHH, FEELS GOOOOD.

HAHA HA.
KNEAD KNEAD
WHY THE HELL ARE YOU HERE!?!?
SLIDE
A MERE LOCKED DOOR IS NO OBSTACLE!
SUCK
I AM AN OBI TSUKU-MOGAMI.
NO, THAT SAID, KOKUYOU, SHOW SOME RESISTANCE!
suck suck
chew chew
kiisss kiss kiss
shuck shuck
shuuuup
GET OUT NOW!!
SFX: PEEK
THAT'S NOT OK!!
OK.
FINE, BUT TRY NOT TO LOOK OVER HERE!
R-REALLY ...
I ALREADY GOT IN THE BATH, ISN'T IT UNREASONABLE TO ASK ME TO JUST LEAVE LIKE THAT?
SPURT

IT FEELS REALLY GOOD WHEN YOU SCRUB ME, KAZUMIIIIN.
UHUHU, THANK YOU.
I CAN CLEAN THEM MYSELF... AHH...
K-KAZUMIN... THOSE SPOTS... MM...
SQUISH
HUH!?


YOUR TECHNIQUE'S BECOME KIND OF EROTIC KAZUMIN...
DON'T RUB YOUR FINGERS LIKE THAT ...
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AAA, HNNG...
SFX TWITCH TWITCH
EEEEEEK!!
HUHU, GET COMFORTABLE.
SFX MMMPH!
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HEY, I DON'T DISCRIMINATE DOWN HERE, EITHER.
AAAHN! NOT THEEERE!
YOU LOOK COOL AT FIRST, BUT YOU'RE REALLY JUST ANOTHER PERVERT!!
YOU FOOL! BE THEY LARGE OR SMALL, I'M A MAN WHO DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE WHEN IT COMES TO BREASTS!
K-KIRIO, I THOUGHT YOU PREFERRED BIG BREASTS!?

AUU...
AAUUU AUU
HUHU, GOOD GIRL.
gasp
gasp
ピクン ピクン
ピクン ピクン
してぇ…
SFX: TWITCH TWITCH
OK, KUKURI, TIME FOR THE MAIN EVENT.
MAIN EVENT?
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'LL FEEL REAL GOOD.
SFX: OMINOUS
OH.
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ドオ!
SFX: KAPOW!!

THE OBI BIND SHOULD HAVE BEEN PERFECT...
H-HOW...
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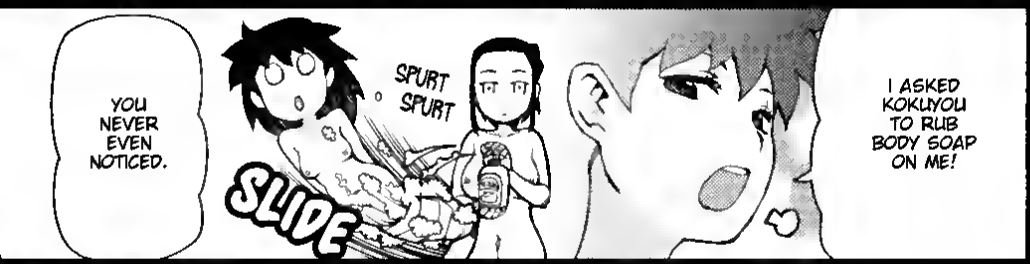
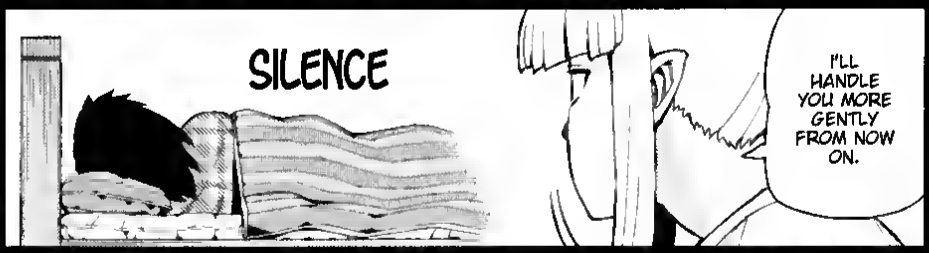
ビクッ ビクンッ
SFX: GUSH
SFX: TWITCH TWITCH


YOU NEVER EVEN NOTICED.
SPURT SPURT
SLIDE
I ASKED KOKUYOU TO RUB BODY SOAP ON ME!
SFX: MMM/EHHH
SFX: SPRONG

SQUASH
.....
I HAVE FALLEN FOR YOU ONCE AGAIN, KAZUMI!
ECP!
IS THAT SO... YOU REALLY ARE MY OWNER.

HA... HNNG ...

THAT WAS DANGER-OUS, I COULD HAVE GONE TO HEAVEN.
I GET IT... THIS IS WHY KAZUYA IS ALWAYS MAKING SUCH A SCENE BACK IN THE REAL WORLD.


SILENCE
I'LL HANDLE YOU MORE GENTLY FROM NOW ON.

SFX: CREAK
WHAT'RE YOU SULKING ABOUT?
WHAT'S WROOONG?

DIDN'T YOU SAY, MY HEART IS YOURS...
HOW UNFAITHFUL CAN YOU BE, KIRIO?
YOU NOT ONLY PUT YOUR HANDS ON KOKUYOU, BUT EVEN KUKURI ...
GRIN
WHAT ARE YOU SAAAYIIING? ARE YOU JEALOUS, KAZUMIIII?
THAT'S SO, SO CUTE!
WAIT ...
NO ...
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!!
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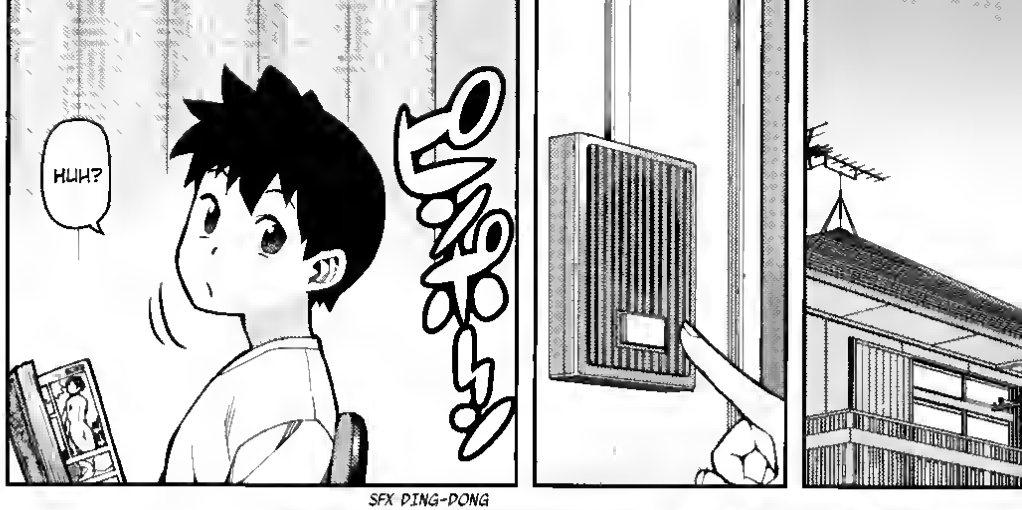
I-I SAID IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I'M SERIOUS ABOUT.
DON'T BE MAD, KAZUMI. I WAS JUST HAVING A BIT OF FUN.
WOULDN'T THAT BE A WASTE?
WAIT, WAIT. SINCE OUR SEXES ARE FLIPPED FOR JUST THIS ONE NIGHT,
?
H-HMPH! LET'S JUST GO TO SLEEP AND RETURN ALREADY!
HMMM, REEEALLY?
WAIT ...
WHERE'S THAT FINGER GOING...
Aahn!
HUMP
SOME-THING ...
SOME-THING'S TOUCHING!!
C'MON, RELAX YOUR BODY.
STOP-- NO...!
YOU CAN'T... AAAH...
WAIT!
DON'T YOU KNOW ALREADY?

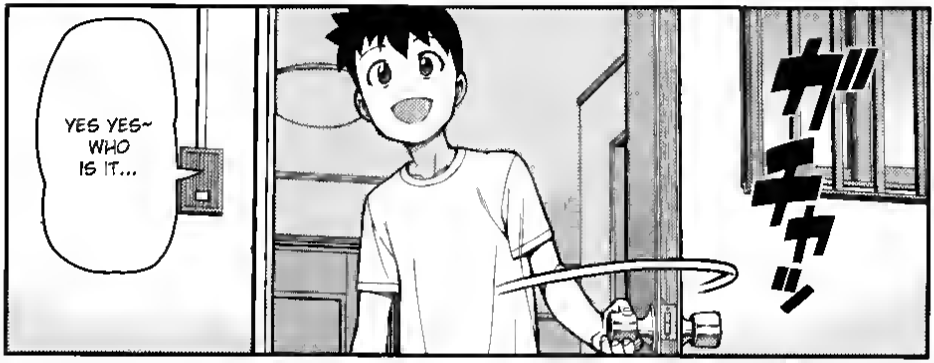
WHA-
WHA-
YOU PER-VERTED MON-STER!!
HOW FAR DID YOU GO!?
HAHA, DON'T BE SILLY...
BUT, MAAAAN... IT WAS QUITE A NIGHT.
THE MOIST, CLINGING WHITE SKIN... THE ECSTASY ON KAZUMI'S FACE...
STOP ...
K-KAZUMI LIKED IT A LOT TOO, YOU KNOW?
SHUT IT!!
CRY OVER HERE.
OOOHHH, HOW SAD.
SFX OOOHHH

SINCE I'D GONE THIS FAR, I WENT AHEAD AND DREW THE GENDER-SWAPPED VERSIONS OF KOKUYOU AND KUKURI.

Chapter 48: Sunao and Kotetsu



SFX: DING-DONG



SFX: OPEN

YES ...
KOTETSU ISN'T WAKING UP!?
HE CAME BACK FROM THE SWORDSMITH YESTERDAY, BUT...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I CALL OUT TO HIM THERE JUST ISN'T ANY RESPONSE...

IF HE STAYS LIKE THIS, WITHOUT WAKING UP, HE'LL PROBABLY TURN BACK INTO A NORMAL SWORD.
HE DIDN'T DIE AS A TSUKUMOGAMI, BUT HIS SPIRITUAL PRESENCE HAS BECOME QUITE WEAK.
I SHOWED HIM TO HONOKA IMMEDIATELY.
!
HONOKA DID TELL ME ONE WAY.
HOW COULD IT BE .. IS THERE ANY WAY ..
ECHO STONE?
YES.
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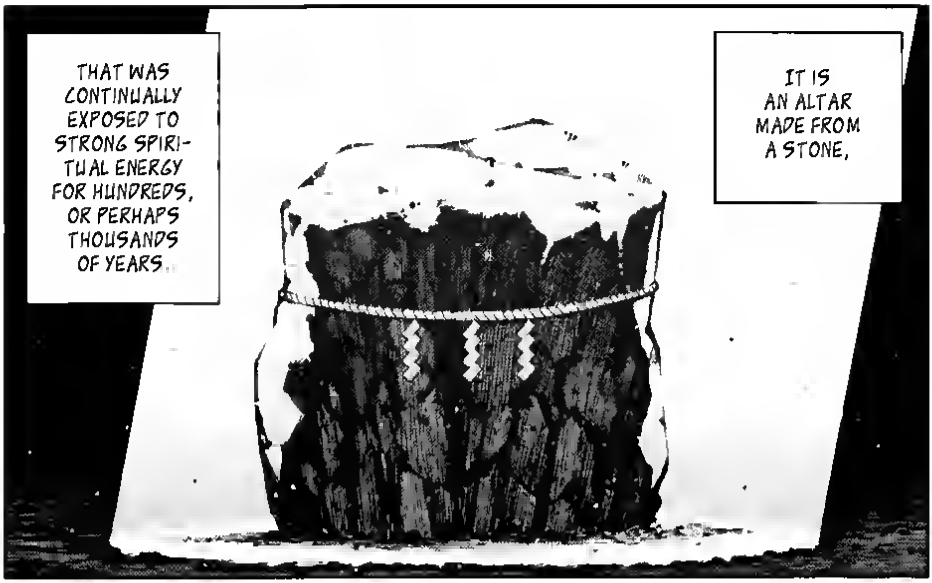
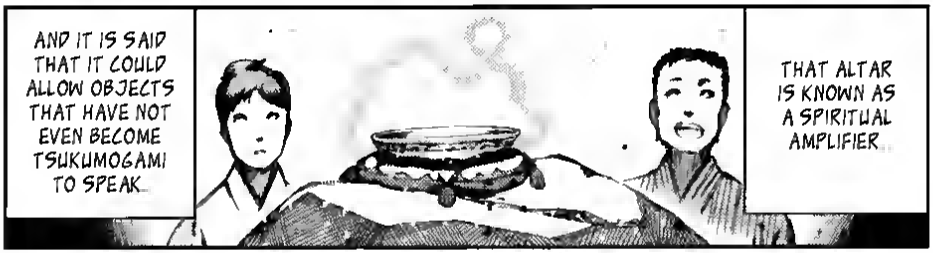
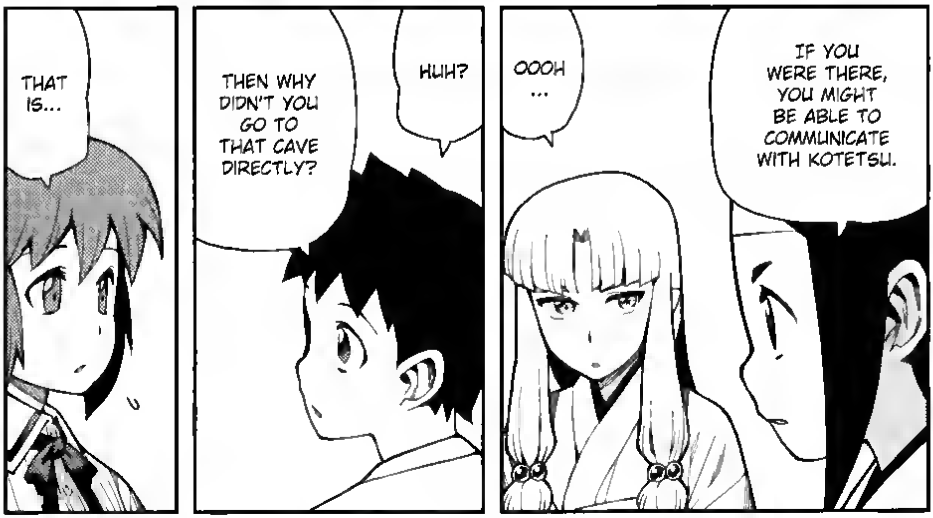
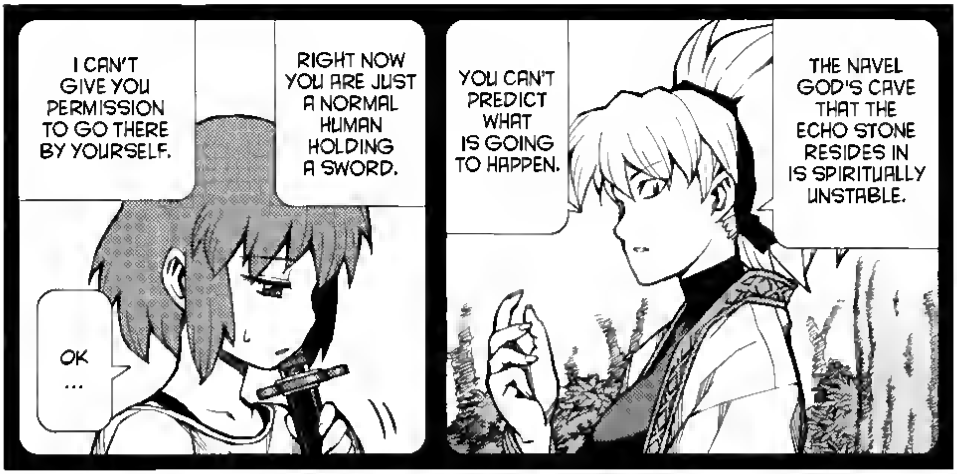
COULD IT BE THE ECHO STONE INSIDE THE NAVEL GOD'S CAVE!?

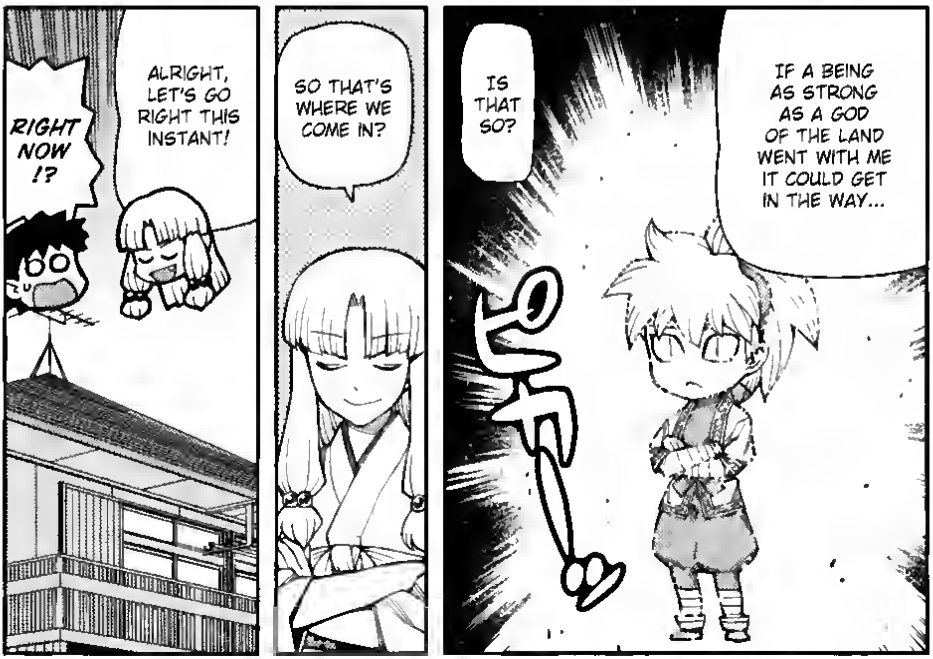

THAT WAS CONTINUALLY EXPOSED TO STRONG SPIRITUAL ENERGY FOR HUNDREDS, OR PERHAPS THOUSANDS OF YEARS...
IT IS AN ALTAR MADE FROM A STONE,

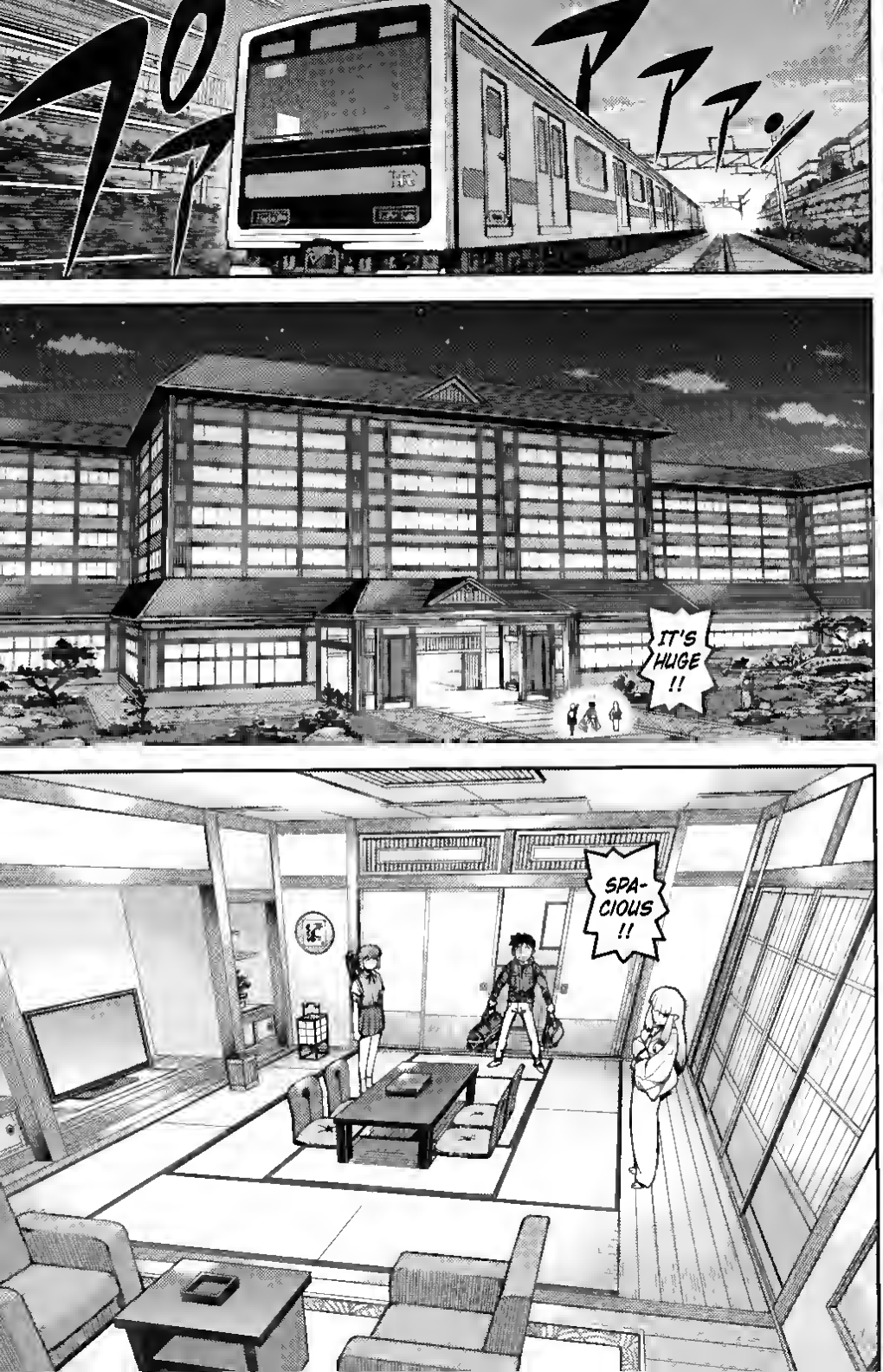

AND IT IS SAID THAT IT COULD ALLOW OBJECTS THAT HAVE NOT EVEN BECOME TSUKUMOGAMI TO SPEAK...
THAT ALTAR IS KNOWN AS A SPIRITUAL AMPLIFIER...


THAT IS...
THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU GO TO THAT CAVE DIRECTLY?
HUH?
OOOH...
IF YOU WERE THERE, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH KOTETSU.


I CAN'T GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO GO THERE BY YOURSELF.
RIGHT NOW YOU ARE JUST A NORMAL HUMAN HOLDING A SWORD.
OK ...
YOU CAN'T PREDICT WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN.
THE NAVEL GOD'S CAVE THAT THE ECHO STONE RESIDES IN IS SPIRITUALLY UNSTABLE.

I SAID BEFORE THAT IT WAS A PLACE THAT ALLOWS UNTHINKING OBJECTS TO BE HEARD, RIGHT?
WOULDN'T IT BE ALRIGHT FOR HONOKA TO GO WITH YOU?


RIGHT NOW !?
ALRIGHT, LET'S GO RIGHT THIS INSTANT!
SO THAT'S WHERE WE COME IN?
IS THAT SO?
IF A BEING AS STRONG AS A GOD OF THE LAND WENT WITH ME IT COULD GET IN THE WAY...
SFX. FLAAAASH

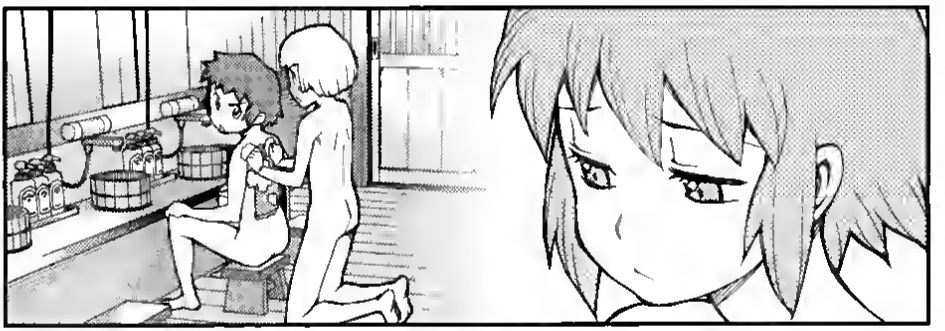

IT'S HUGE !!
SPA-CIOUS !!

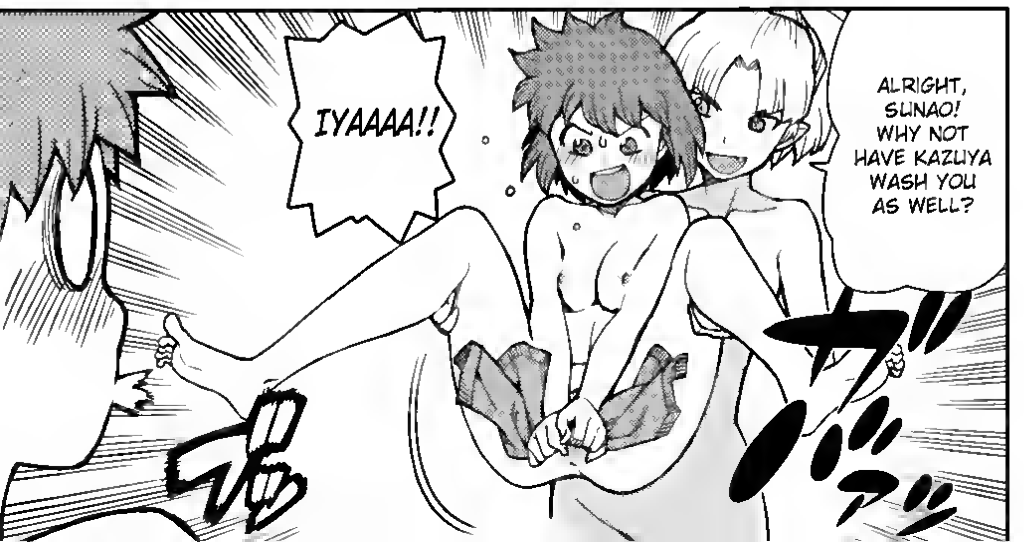
LOOK, KAZUYA! THERE'S AN IN-ROOM BATH!
WHOA, THAT'S AWE-SOME!
WAIT... AREN'T ROOMS LIKE THIS EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE?
HOW'D WE AFFORD IT?
HUH?
SFX: PANT PANT
I GOT THIS ENTIRE PLACE RENTED IN EXCHANGE FOR A PROMISE TO KANAYAMA THAT SHE COULD BORROW KUKURI FOR 3 DAYS!
THAT'S TOO HARSH!!
HM...

I AM SORRY ...
IT'S JUST THAT I HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT TO SAY IF I CAN MEET KOTETSU TOMORROW...
YOU'RE BEING TOO GLOOMY, SUNAO.
IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE LUXURIOUS WITH ANOTHER PERSON'S MONEY. ENJOY IT A BIT.
IT WILL BE ALRIGHT IF YOU JUST TALK TO HIM OPENLY, SUNAO.
THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT KOTETSU WOULD WANT AND IT COULD BE THE KEY TO HIS AWAKENING.
I .. HAVE BEEN DOING NOTHING BUT HARSH THINGS TO KOTETSU ...
PUTTING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY BROTHER'S DEATH ON HIM ..
AND LOOKING DOWN ON HIM AS A MERE TOOL..
I WANT TO APOLOGIZE SINCERELY TO HIM TOMORROW.
nod nod
.....

E-EVEN SO, THERE IS NO NEED TO GET IN ALL TOGETHER ...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? DON'T WASTE THIS RARE CHANCE WE GET TO USE A MIXED BATH!
I-IF KIRIHA SAYS SO ...

WASH THIS PLACE ESPECIALLY WELL. IT MIGHT BE USED TONIGHT.
IT WON'T BE!!
.....
AH, AAHH ... AAAH!!
SFX SRUB SCRUB




ALRIGHT, SUNAO! WHY NOT HAVE KAZUYA WASH YOU AS WELL?
IYAAAA!!

WHAT AN EXTRA-VAGANT FEAST!
THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL FINISH ALL THAT!!
MUNCH MUNCH
DIG IN! YOU'LL ALMOST NEVER GET AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS!
Enough, just eat by yourself!!
Meep!! Don't put wasabi on, you fool!! Now, give me some of that one.
SHEESH.. DON'T BE SO LAZY.
FEED ME!
OH, THAT LOOKS GOOD!

YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO SLEEP TOGETHER!?
EH!?
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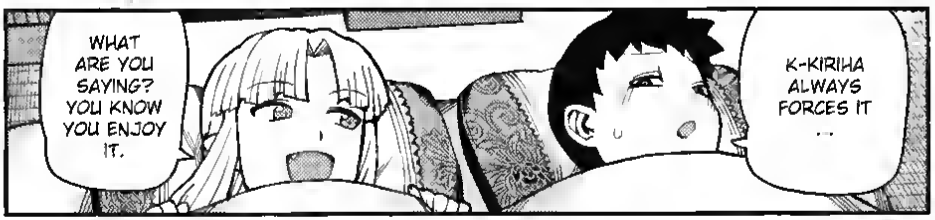
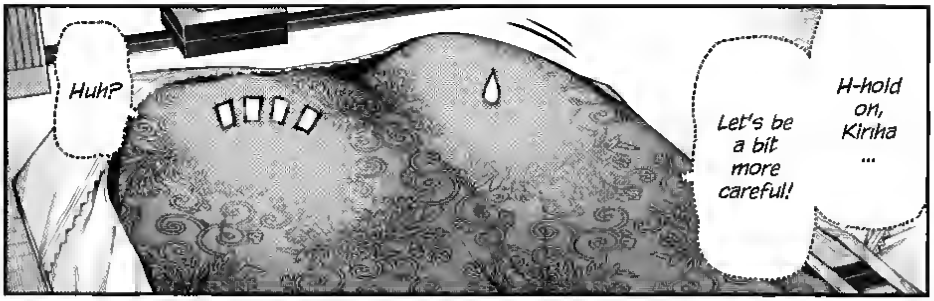
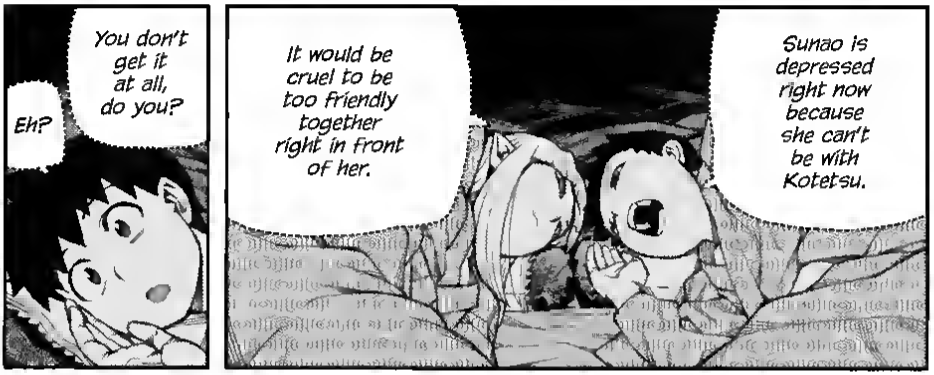
SFX: SOFT

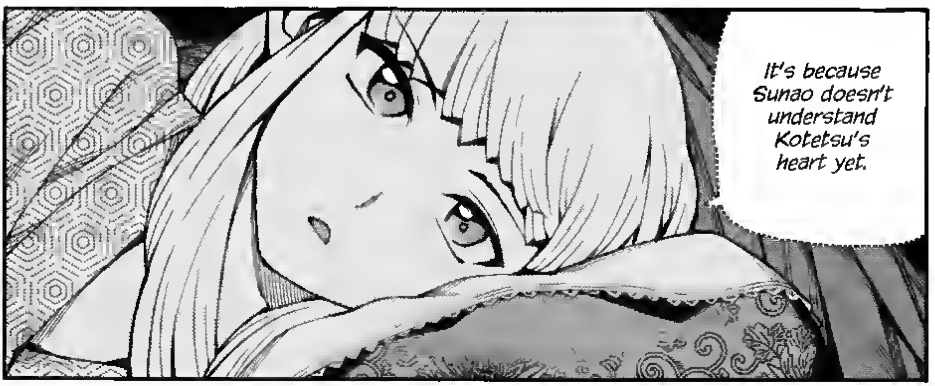

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU KNOW YOU ENJOY IT.
K-KIRIHA ALWAYS FORCES IT ..

AH! DON'T CLENCH IT SKIN-TO-SKIN!!!
OI! OI!
EHHH, HOW IMPUDENT!
I AM THE OWNER HERE!
QUIT TALKING BACK, YOU SERVANT!
YOU'RE FAR TOO UNRESTRAINED, KIRIHA!


Huh?
Let's be a bit more careful!
H-hold on, Kiriha ...


Eh?
You don't get it at all, do you?
It would be cruel to be too friendly together right in front of her.
Sunao is depressed right now because she can't be with Kotetsu.

Huh!? Why!?
If the rupture between them stays the same, Kotetsu won't be coming back.
Even if she were to meet Kotetsu tomorrow.
Sunao has reached a false conclusion.


It's because Sunao doesn't understand Kotetsu's heart yet.

Honoka and Kukuri probably knew it as well.
Of course. Because I am also a tsukumogami.
You know the reason why Kotetsu isn't waking up, Kiriha!?
Could it be ...
Fool!
T-then you should tell Sunao quickly!
Hmm... In order to get her to realize it...
B-but... If Sunao doesn't understand why...
Do you think the true meaning of it would reach her heart if someone else told her?
WHY!?
WE SHOULD CUDDLE MORE INTENSELY!
TOSSI

NEXT MOR-NING
IT'S ALRIGHT. SINCE WE'RE ALMOST THERE.
JUST RETURN TO BEING AN OBI!
KAZUYA! PIGGY-BACK!
SFX OMINOUS
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YOU CAN FEEL THE SPIRITUAL PRESSURE, EVEN FROM HERE.
IT'S DEEP ...

I KNOW!
SUNAO! IT'S DANGEROUS TO RUSH IT!

KOTETSU!
KOTETSU!

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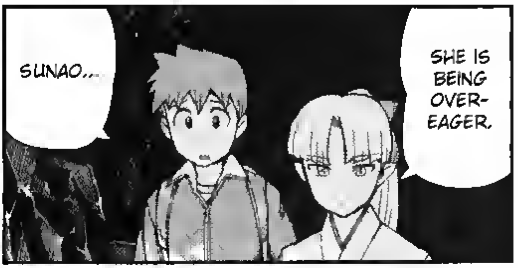
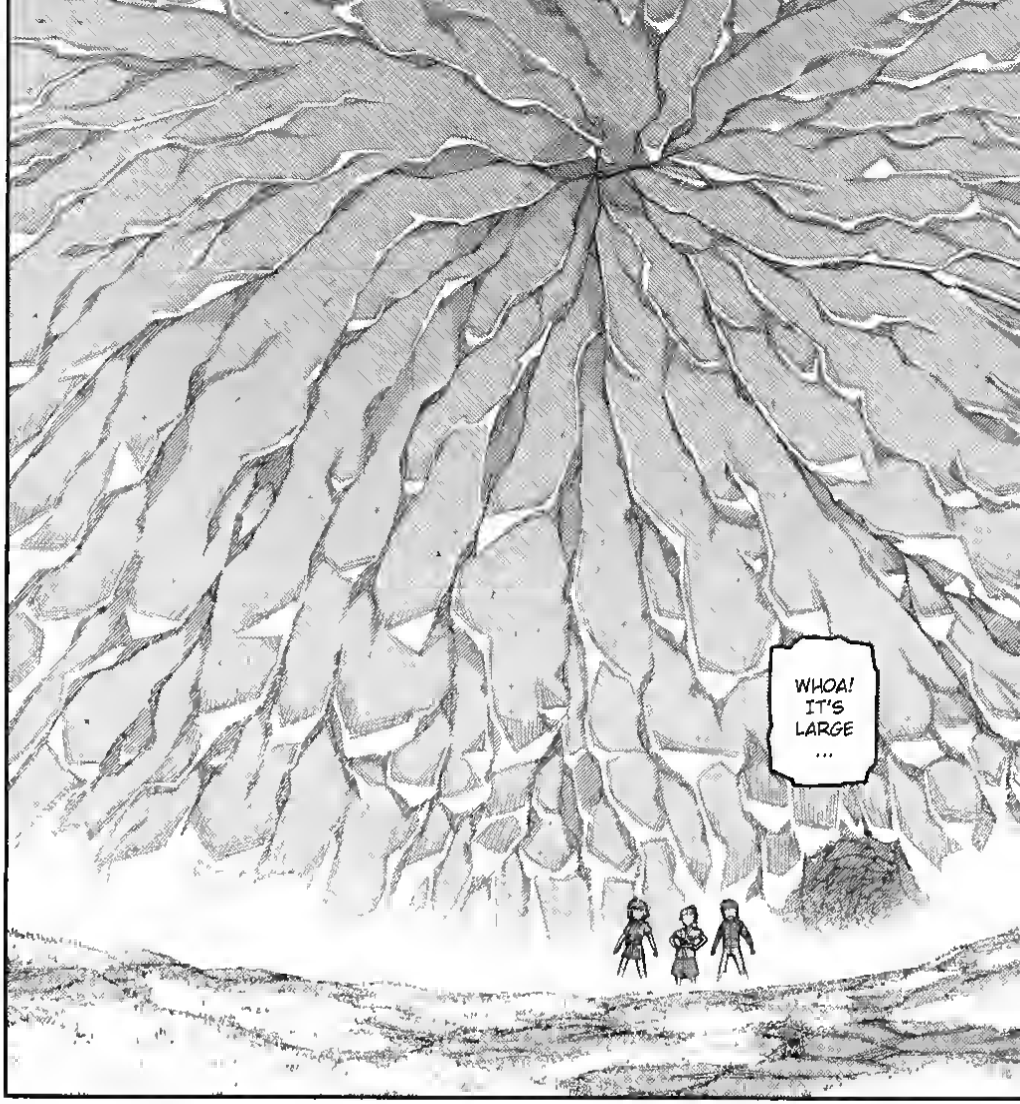
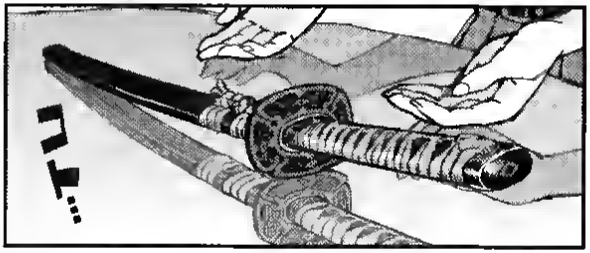

SUNAO...
SHE IS BEING OVER-EAGER.


WHOA! IT'S LARGE ...

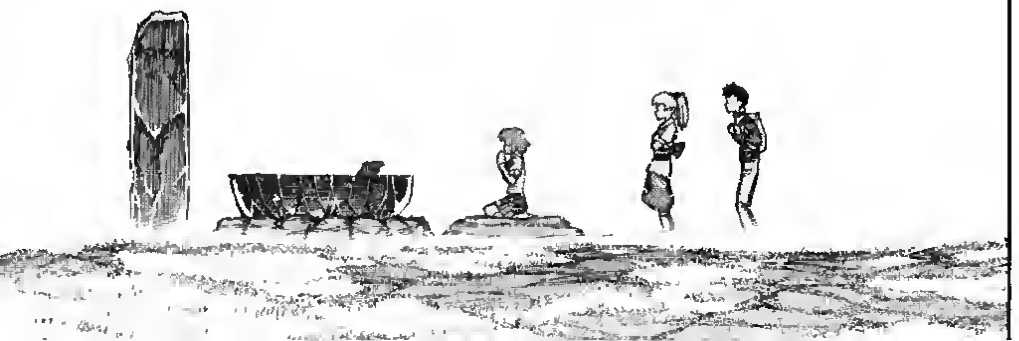
!
THE MOSS IS SHINING ...

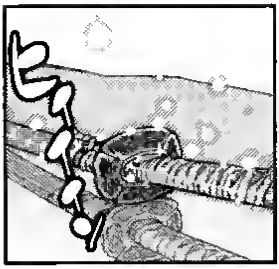
SFX: UNSHEATHING



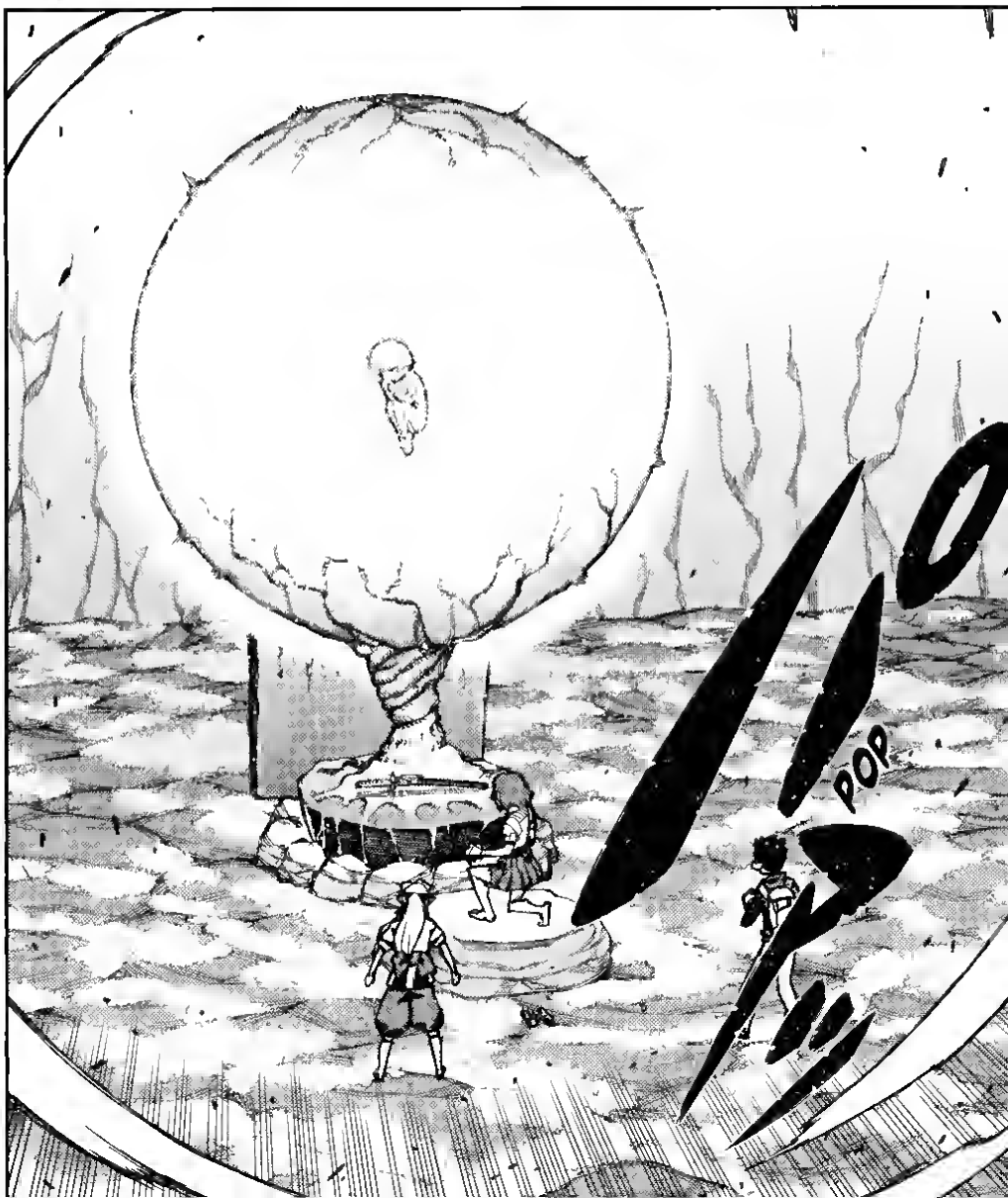
SFX: THUNK

The lone ripple sways across the water's surface, like a mirror of the heart.
The dim, flickering light that slumbers in the innermost heart.
Whether you be gasping, moaning, or shuddering.
The whisper becomes a wave.
Hear my voice.
Hear my voice.





SFX: HIGH-PITCHED CRY



KOTE-
TSU!!
KOTETSU!
CAN YOU
HEAR ME?
KOTETSU!
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SFX BANG BANG BANG
I... I...
HAVE BEEN
NOTHING
BUT CRUEL
TO YOU,
KOTETSU!
I SHOVED THE
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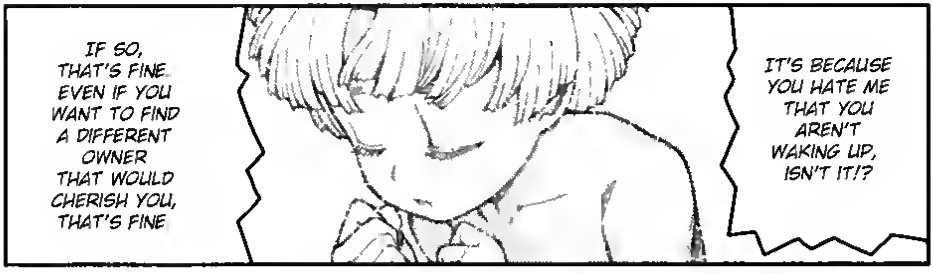
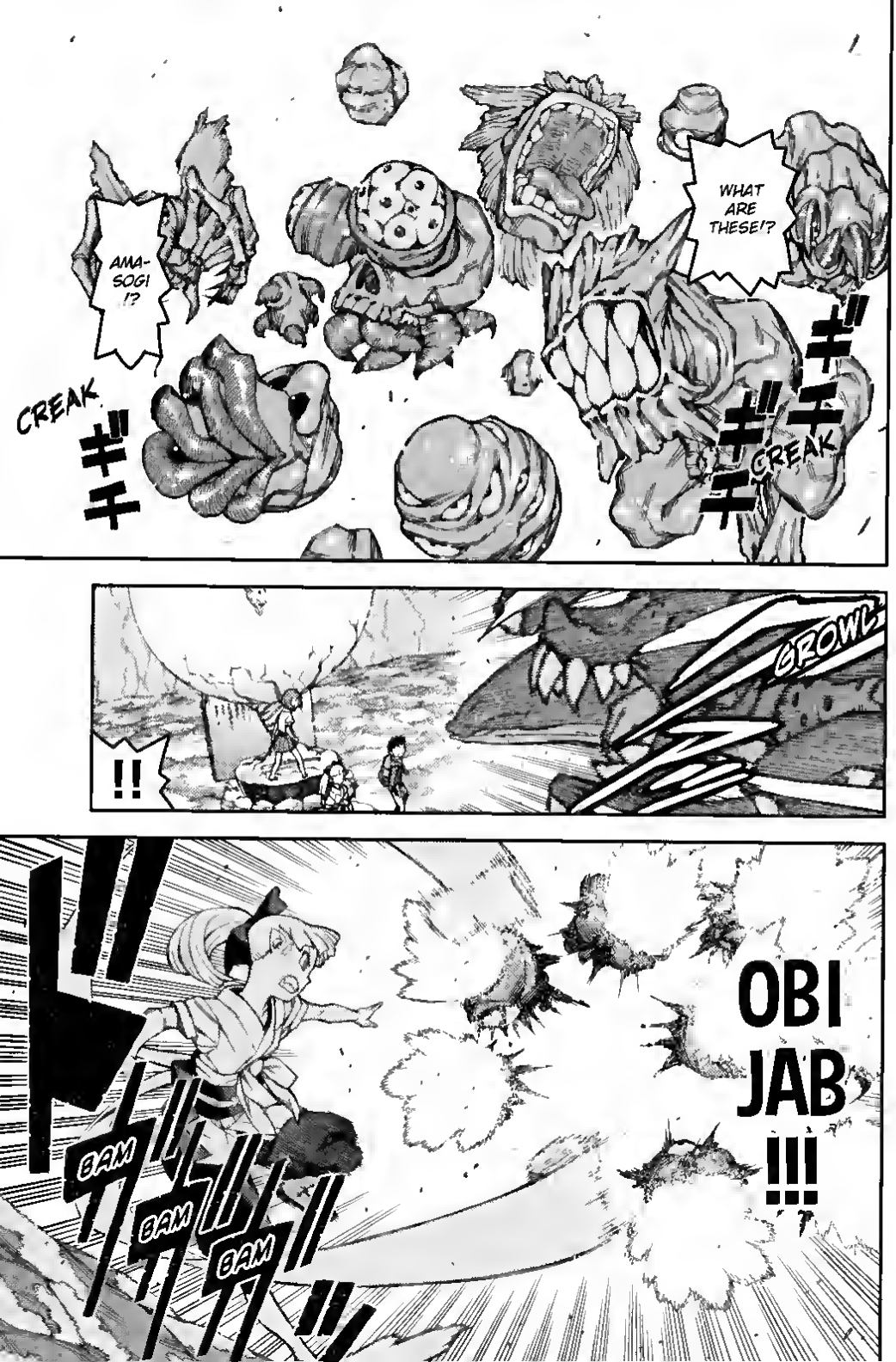
YOU...
AND
TREATED
YOU LIKE
A MERE
TOOL...!


IF SO, THAT'S FINE. EVEN IF YOU WANT TO FIND A DIFFERENT OWNER THAT WOULD CHERISH YOU, THAT'S FINE
IT'S BECAUSE YOU HATE ME THAT YOU AREN'T WAKING UP, ISN'T IT!?

KOTE-TSU!!
SO, DON'T DIE!

!?
GLOW


AMA-SOGI!?
CREAK
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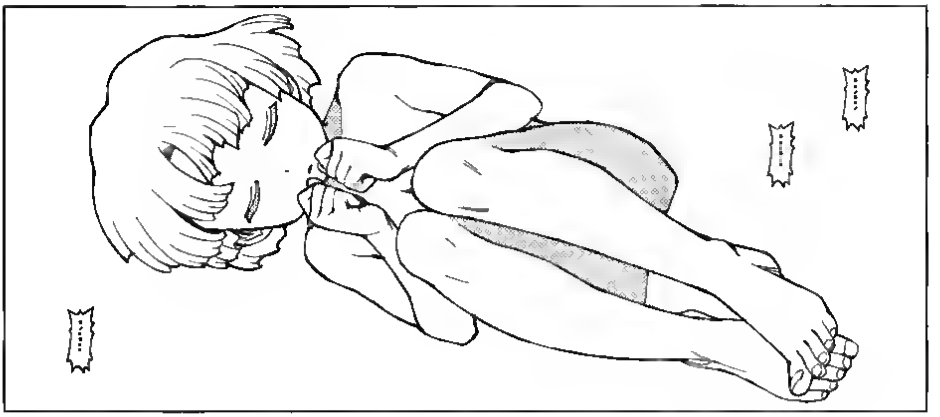
WHAT ARE THESE!?
ギチギチ
CREAK
GROWL
!!
OBI JAB!!!
BAM
BAM
BAM

CALLED OUT BY THE ECHO STONE, ABERRATIONS THAT KOTETSU SLEW IN THE PAST...
THAT'S IT!
THE ABERRATIONS I DEFEATED WITH KOTETSU ARE MIXED IN AMONG THOSE!
IT'S AFTER KOTETSU !?
SFX: CREAK CREAK
THOSE ARE INCARNA-TIONS OF SELF-DENIAL!
!?
UNTIL THEN, WE WILL KEEP THEM AT BAY!
SUNAO! KEEP CALLING OUT TO KOTETSU!
TELL HIM WHAT HE REALLY WANTS TO HEAR, FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART!
SFX: POOF
IF HE'S CONSUMED, KOTETSU WILL BE DONE FOR!
KAZU-YA!
YES!

SFX: KER-SPLAT
WHAT KOTETSU REALLY WANTS TO HEAR, FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART?
IT WASN'T MY APO-LOGY?
SFX: SPLAT SPLAT
Don't be careless! You can't overlook a single one of them!
IT'S ENDLESS!
SFX: WHAM
Damn it! When it really matters!
UNLIKE IN THE DREAM, I CAN'T USE MORE THAN 3 OBI!
IT'S NO GOOD, KIRIHA!
I DON'T UNDER-STAND... KOTE-TSU...
KOTE-TSU !!
KOTE-TSU !!


A CON-
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SUNAO
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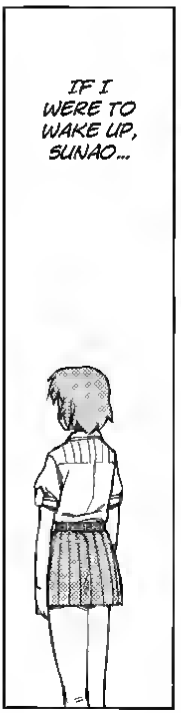
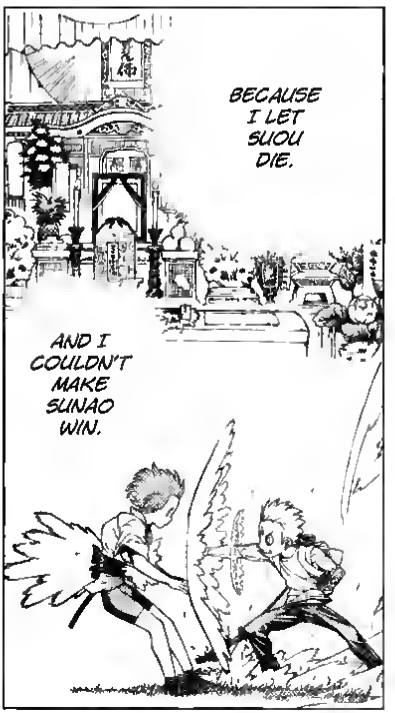
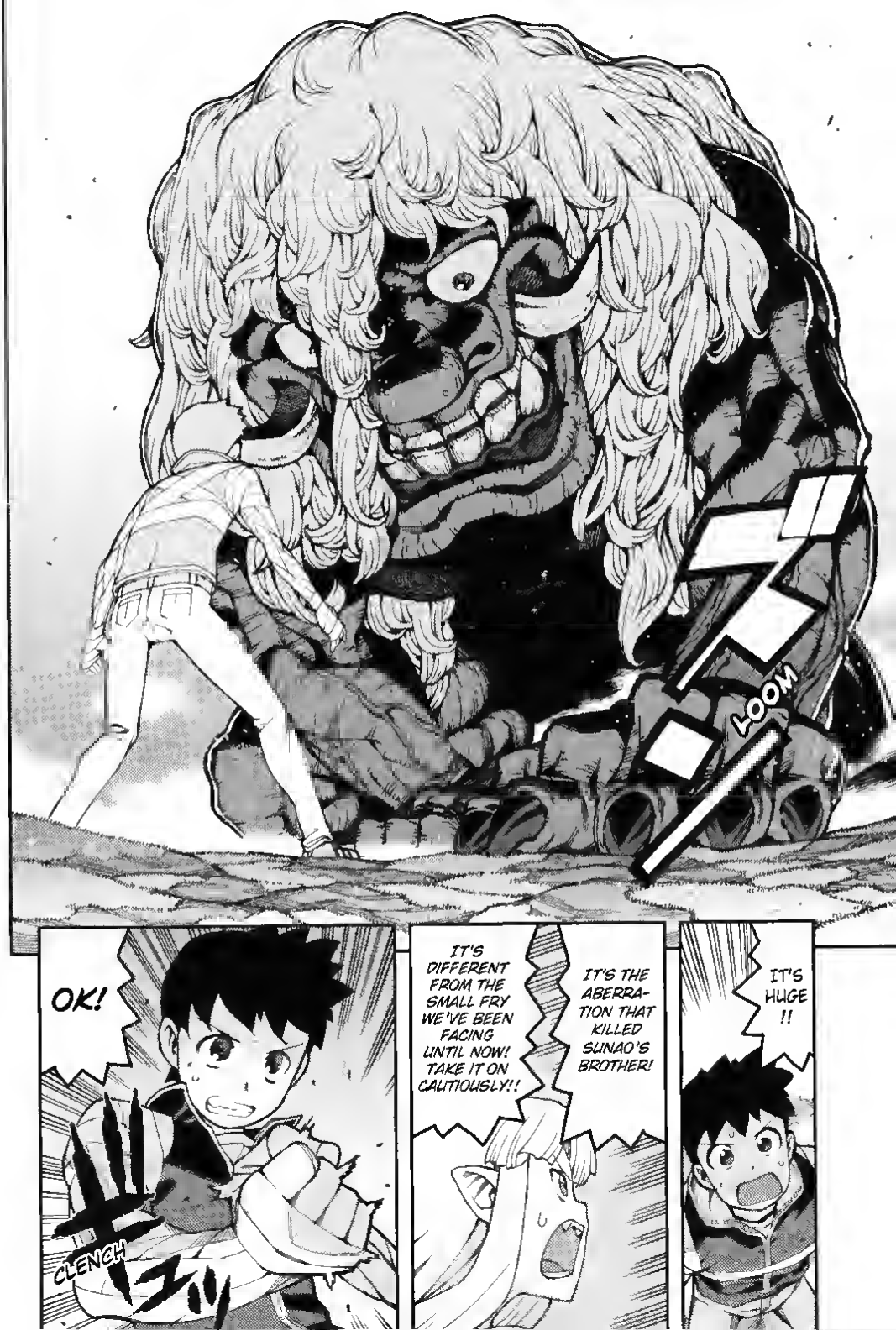
TO ME...


IF I
WERE TO
WAKE UP,
SUNAO...

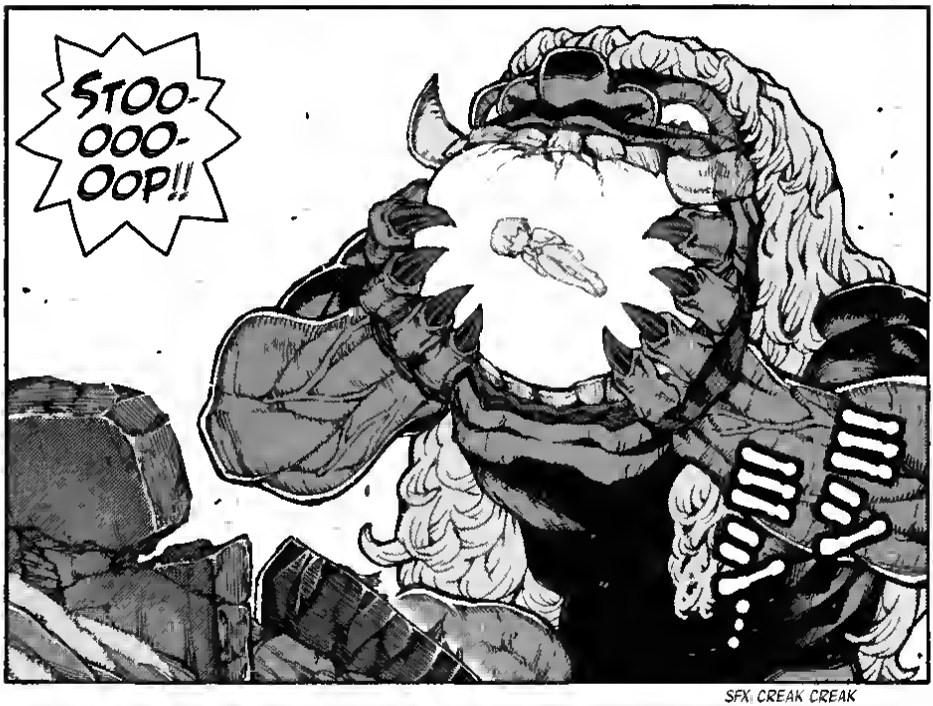

BECAUSE
I LET
SUOU
DIE.
AND I
COULDN'T
MAKE
SUNAO
WIN.

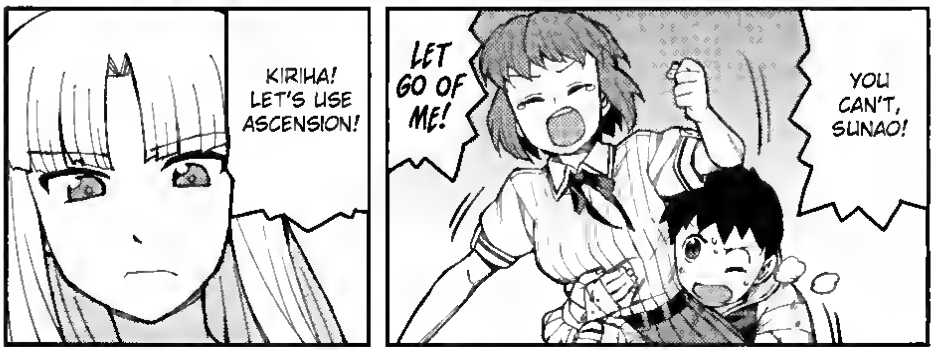
...
YES,
YOU
CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT?

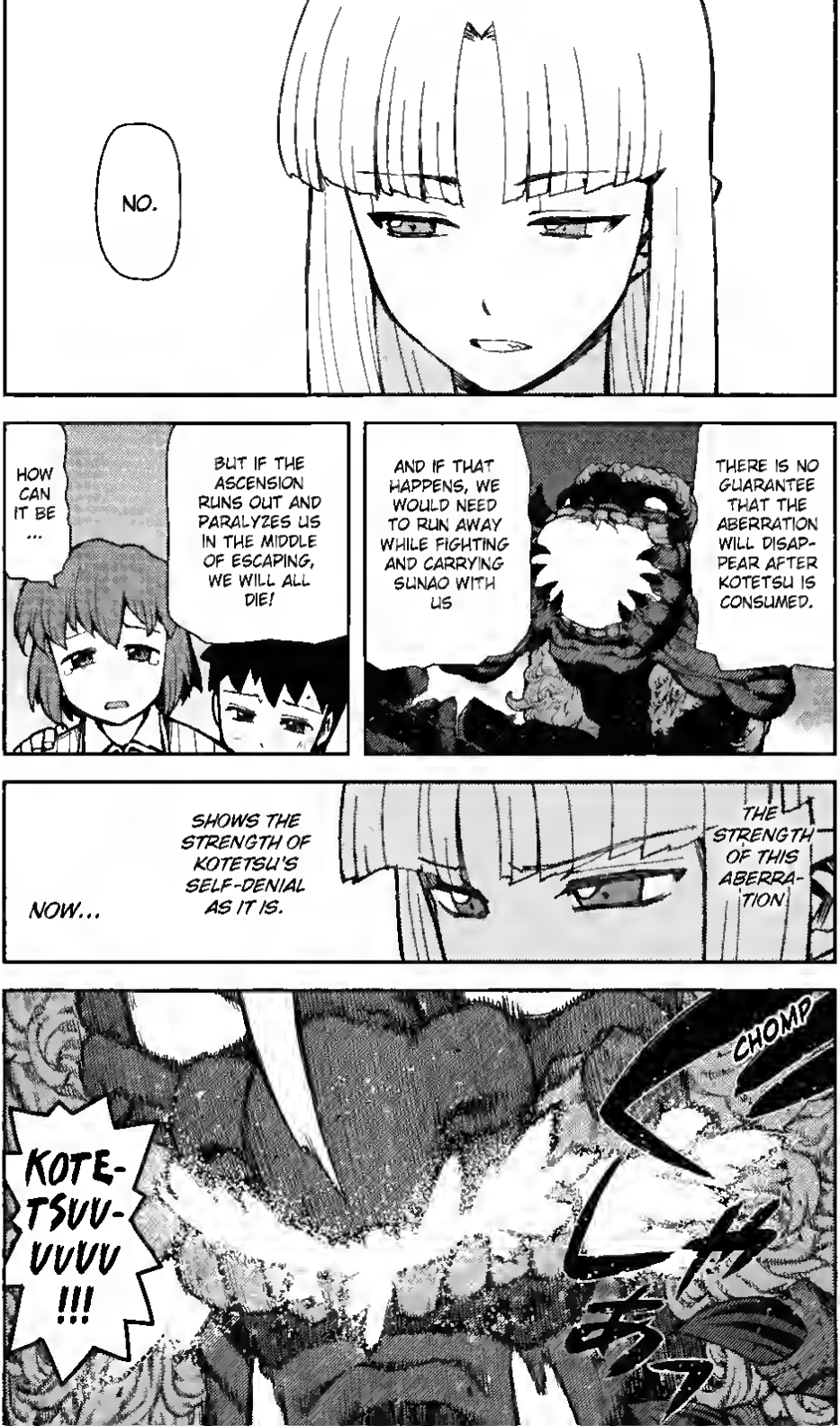
"I DON'T NEED SOMETHING LIKE YOU!"
THAT'S ONLY NATURAL, KOTETSU.
SEEMS LIKE YOU ARE AFRAID, SO AFRAID OF THAT SAYING.
MY GREATEST DESIRE...
IF YOU DO THAT, DEFINITELY...
OVERCOME THE DISTRACTING THOUGHTS AND CONCENTRATE YOUR MIND ON YOUR GREATEST DESIRE.
RATHER, IF YOU JUST THINK TO "CUT", THAT DETERMINATION ALONE WILL ALLOW EVEN BOULDERS TO BE SPLIT.
FEAR OR HESITANCY WILL MAKE THE BLADE GO ASTRAY.


LOOM
IT'S HUGE !!
IT'S THE ABERRATION THAT KILLED SUNAO'S BROTHER!
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE SMALL FRY WE'VE BEEN FACING UNTIL NOW! TAKE IT ON CAUTIOUSLY!!
OK!
CLENCH

SURE ENOUGH, WE'RE NO MATCH FOR IT!!
GACK!!
SFX: SKID


STOO-OOO-OOP!!
SFX: CREAK CREAK


KIRIHA! LET'S USE ASCENSION!
LET GO OF ME!
YOU CAN'T, SUNAO!


NO.
HOW CAN IT BE ...
BUT IF THE ASCENSION RUNS OUT AND PARALYZES US IN THE MIDDLE OF ESCAPING, WE WILL ALL DIE!
AND IF THAT HAPPENS, WE WOULD NEED TO RUN AWAY WHILE FIGHTING AND CARRYING SUNAO WITH US
THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE ABERRATION WILL DISAPPEAR AFTER KOTETSU IS CONSUMED.
NOW...
SHOWS THE STRENGTH OF KOTETSU'S SELF-DENIAL AS IT IS.
THE STRENGTH OF THIS ABERRATION
KOTETSUUUUU!!!
CHOMP
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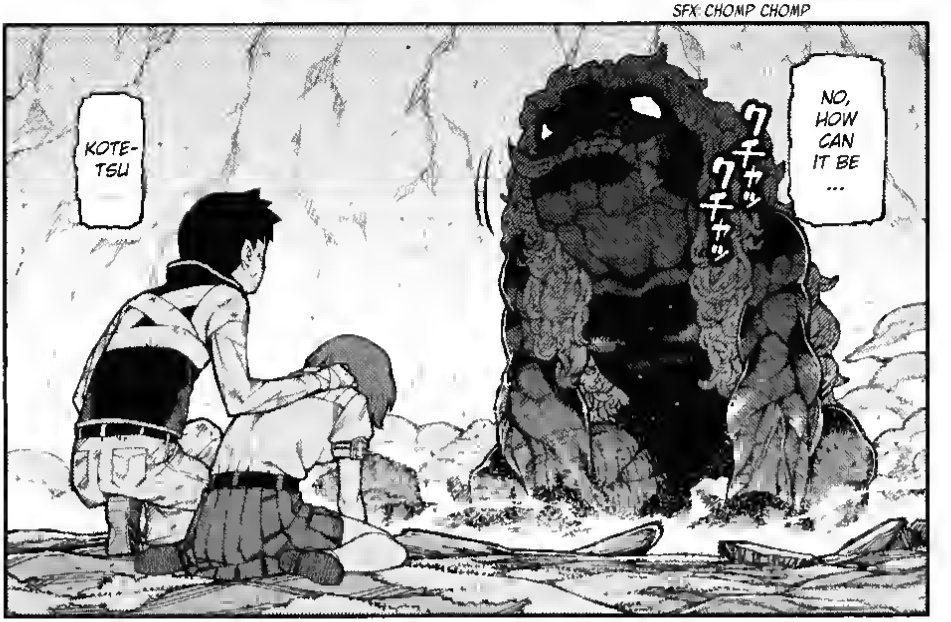
SFX: CHOMP CHOMP
KOTE-TSU
NO, HOW CAN IT BE ...
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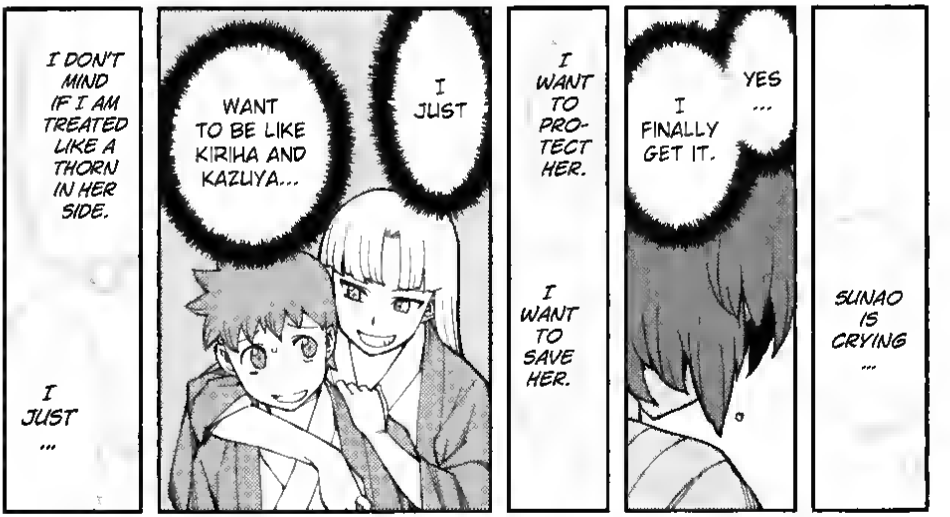
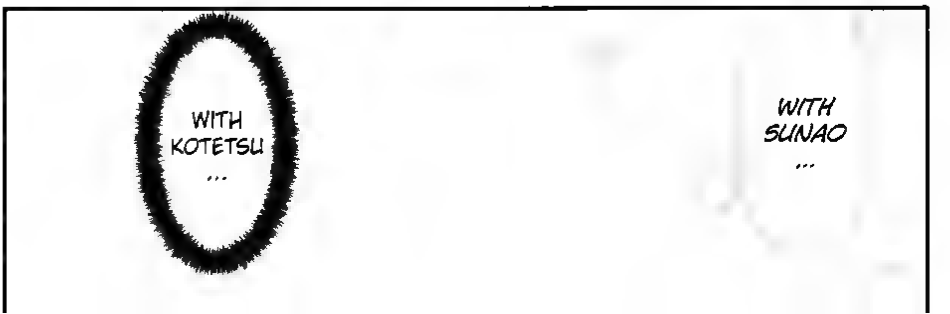

I DON'T MIND IF I AM TREATED LIKE A THORN IN HER SIDE.
I JUST ...
I JUST WANT TO BE LIKE KIRIHA AND KAZUYA...
I WANT TO PRO-TECT HER.
I WANT TO SAVE HER.
YES ...
I FINALLY GET IT.
SUNAO IS CRYING ...


WITH KOTETSU ...
WITH SUNAO ...

WANT
TO BE
TOGE-
THER
!!!

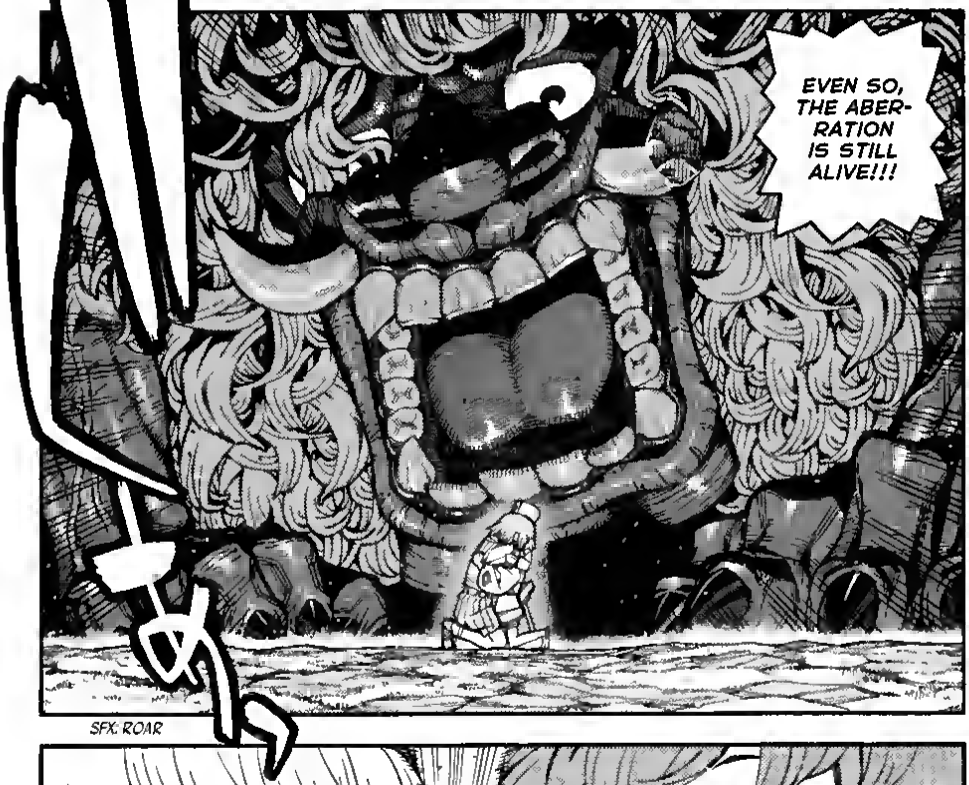
KOTE-TSU ...
KO ...

ID...
I WAS AFRAID OF THAT ...

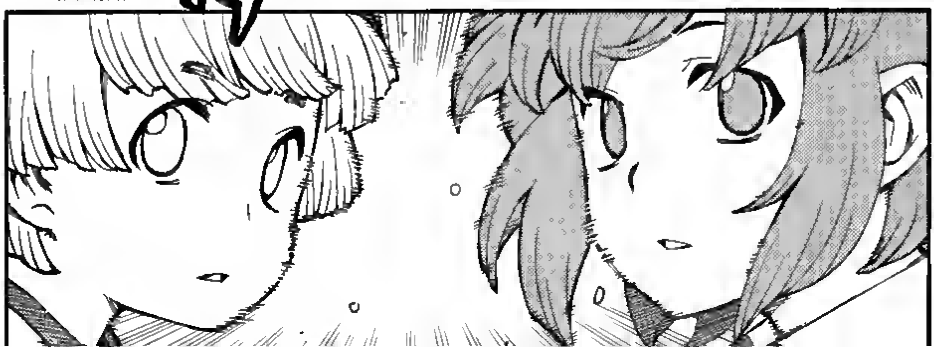
I THOUGHT YOU WOULDN'T NEED ME ANYMORE... THAT YOU'D SAY I'M NOT NEEDED...
I'M SO SORRY, SUNAO... I... I...

WAAAHH... SUNAO!
KOTE-TSU!
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE APOLOGIZING ...
IDIOT! THAT WOULDN'T HAPPEN!

SFX: DRIBBLE



SFX: ROAR



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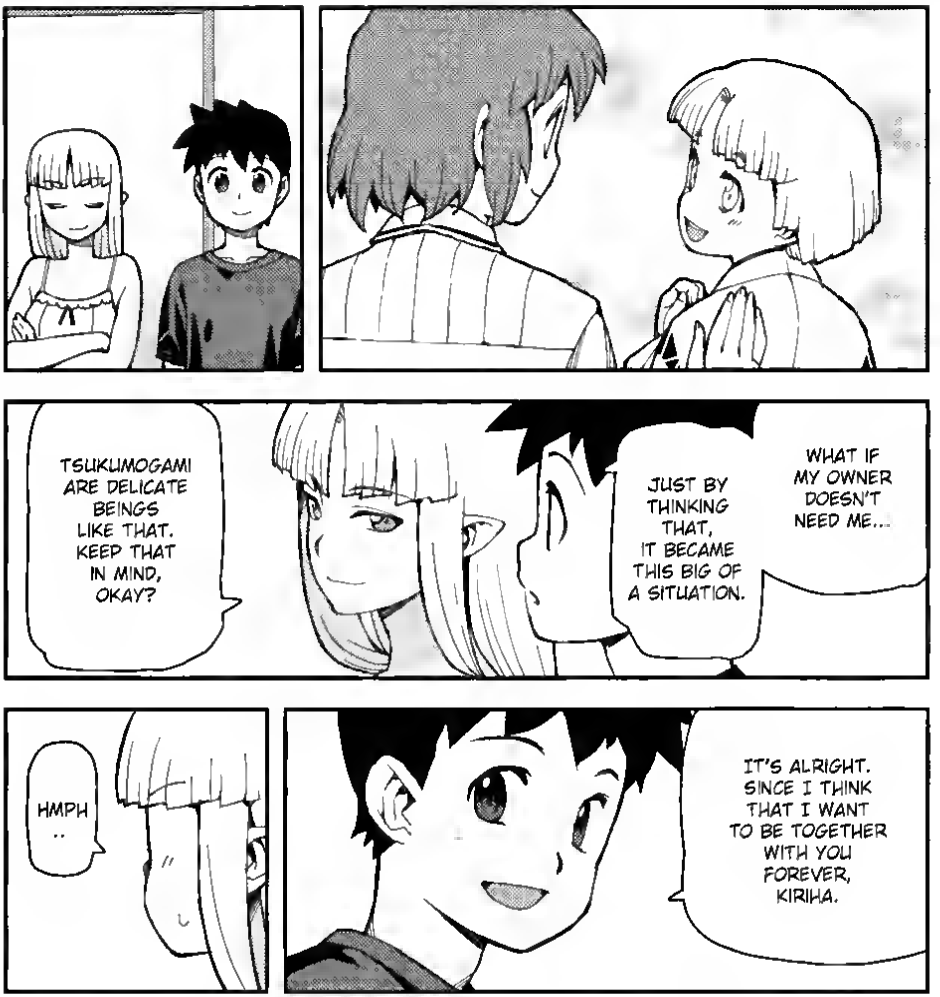
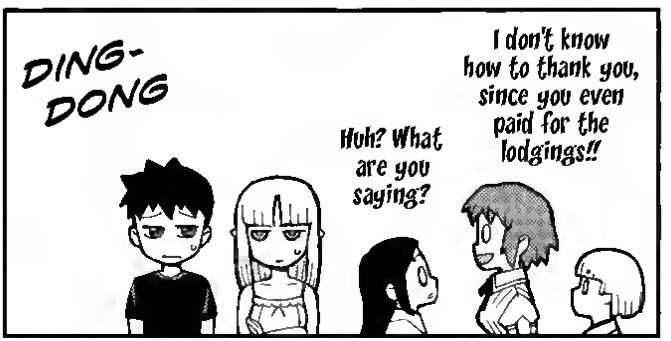
IT'S ONLY NATURAL WITH A RELATIONSHIP THAT DEEP.
HMM...
AHHH, THAT'S!

ASCEN-SION!
THUD

LATER
YOU CAME BACK FI~NE, WHAT A RELIEF, WHAT A RELIEF!
OHH~ IS THAT SO, IS THAT SO!
MMHMM, MMHMM.
THANK YOU!


WHAT IF MY OWNER DOESN'T NEED ME...
JUST BY THINKING THAT, IT BECAME THIS BIG OF A SITUATION.
TSUKUMOGAMI ARE DELICATE BEINGS LIKE THAT. KEEP THAT IN MIND, OKAY?
IT'S ALRIGHT. SINCE I THINK THAT I WANT TO BE TOGETHER WITH YOU FOREVER, KIRIHA.
HMPH ..


DING-DONG
Huh? What are you saying?
I don't know how to thank you, since you even paid for the lodgings!!

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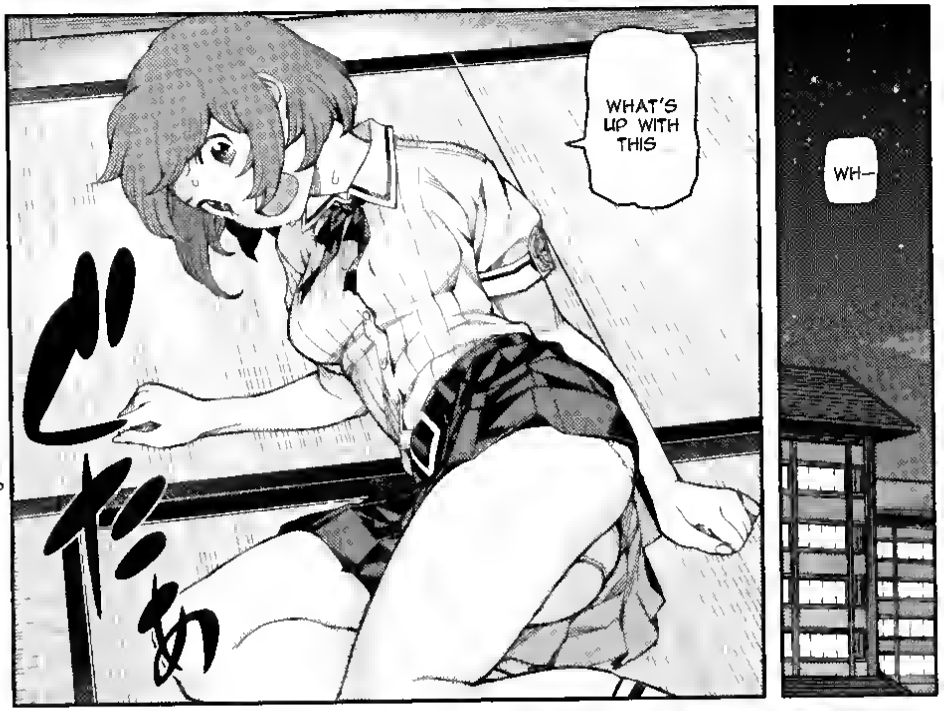
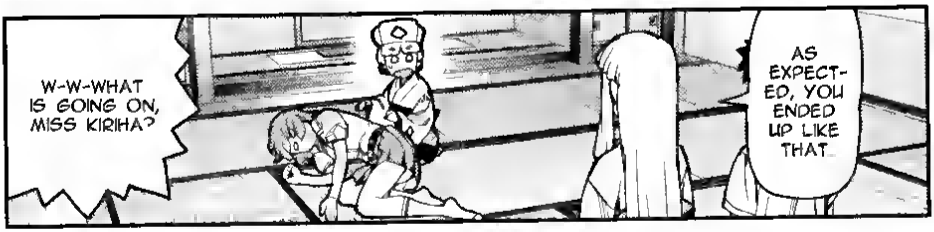
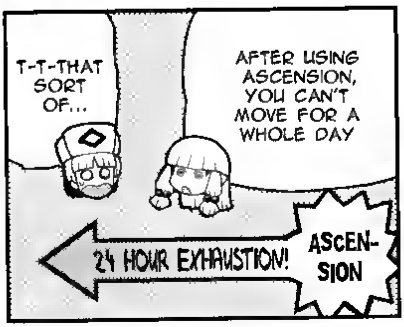
THE FIRST ASCENSION AND AFTERWARDS

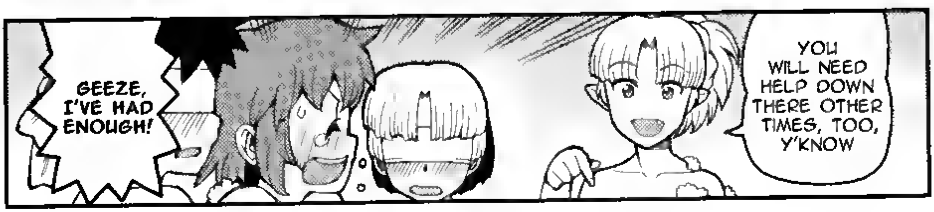


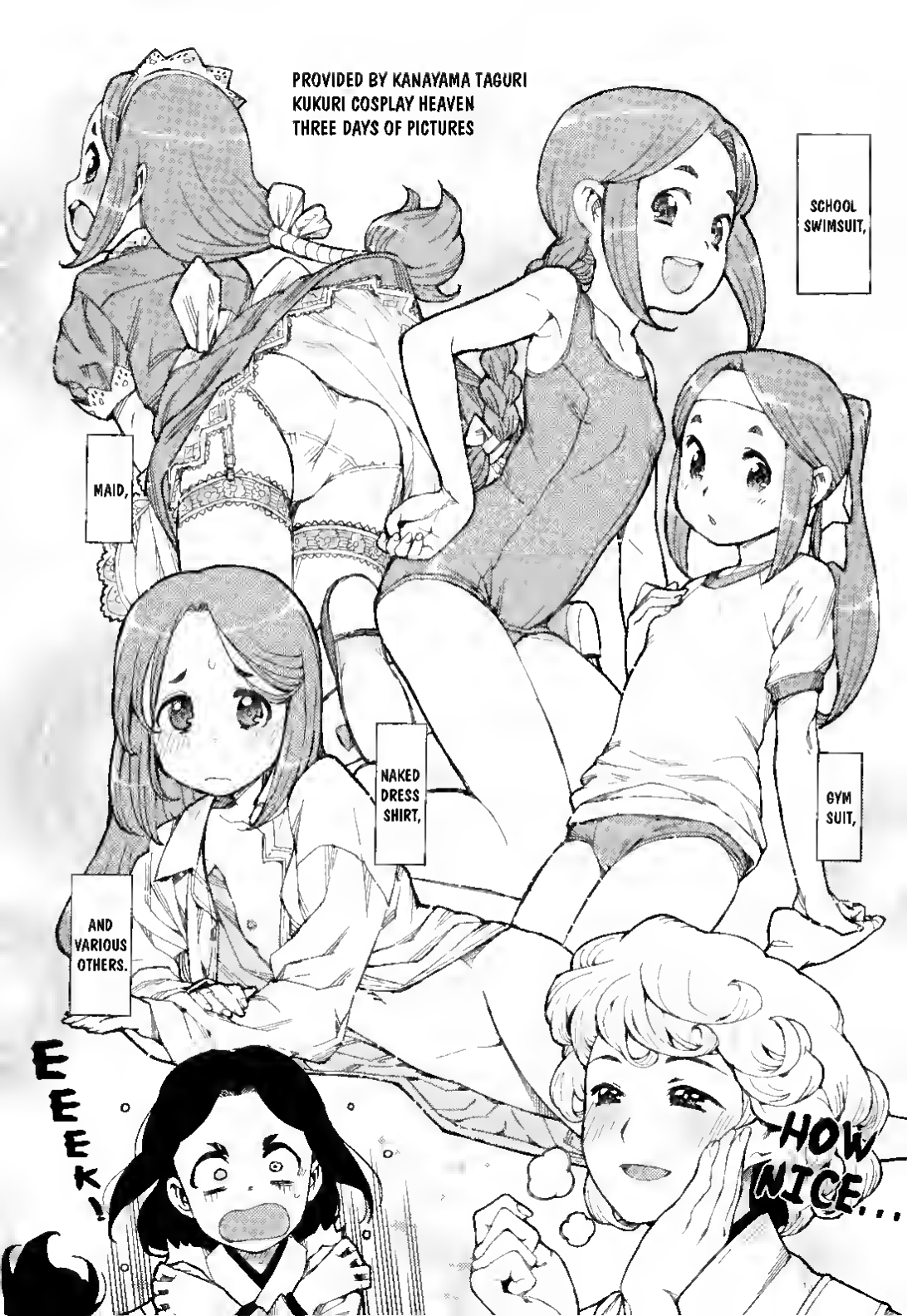


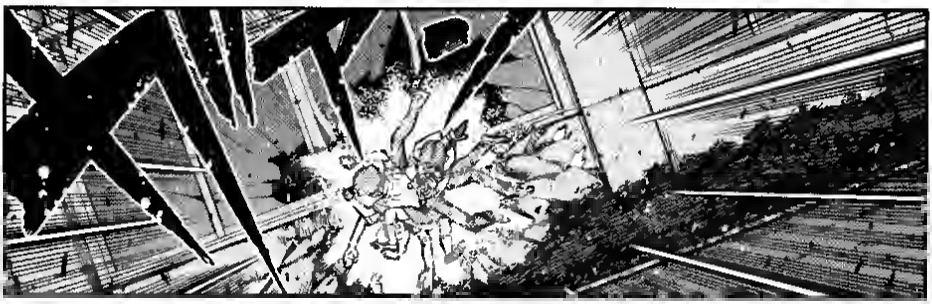


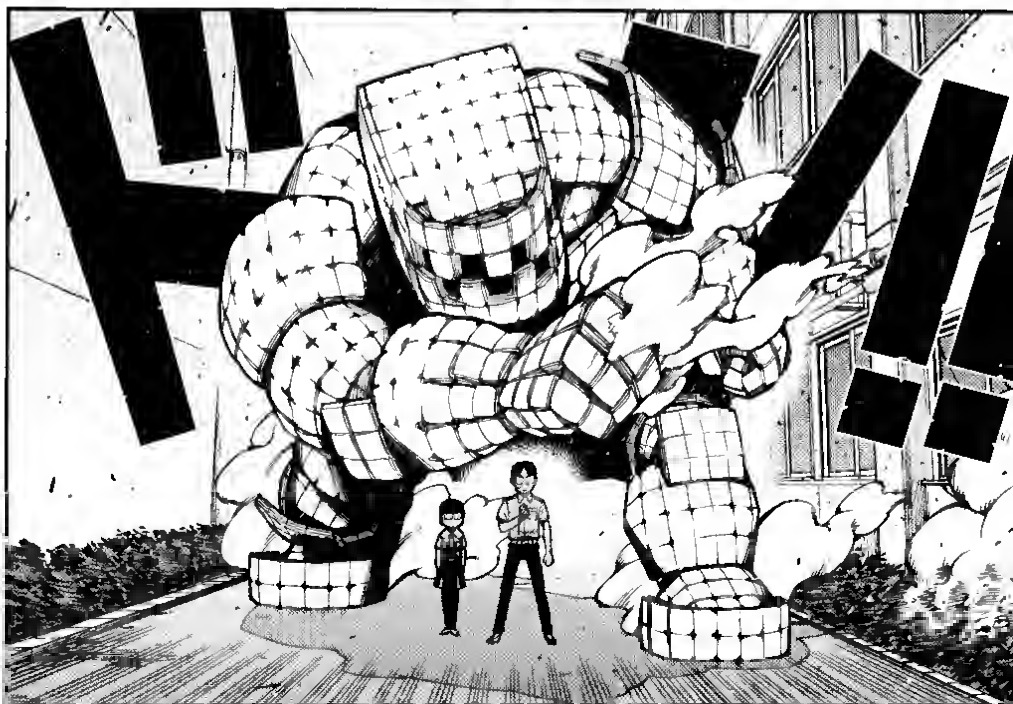
SFX BOUNCE
ぷるんっ
W-
WAIT!
NO-
OO...
すべ
SLIP
AA-
AA...
WHAT'S WITH THE FUSS? NEITHER OF THEM CAN SEE YOU
SCRUB
SCRUB
UUU.. BUT...

HOLD IT!
AHHN
STIFF
DON'T WASH ME SO WEIRD, BOTH OF YOU!
SQUELCH
IT'S CAUSE I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING.
SO-SO-SORRY.


GEEZE, I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
YOU WILL NEED HELP DOWN THERE OTHER TIMES, TOO, Y'KNOW

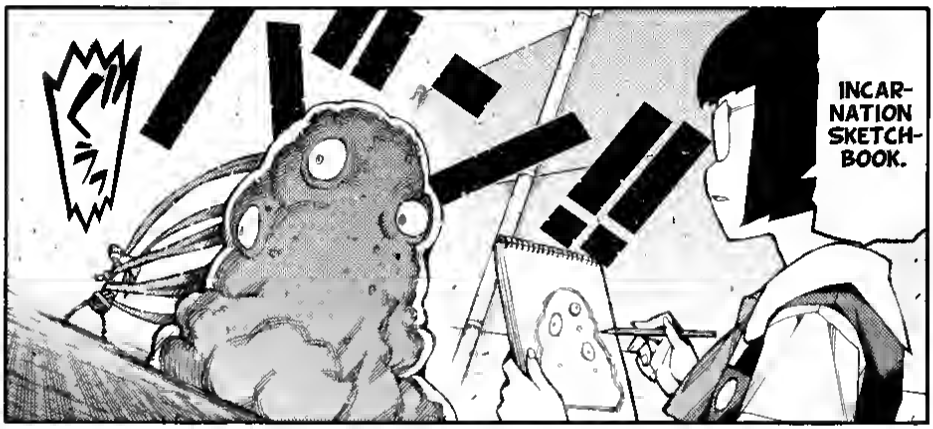

PROVIDED BY KANAYAMA TAGURI
KUKURI COSPLAY HEAVEN
THREE DAYS OF PICTURES
SCHOOL SWIMSUIT,
MAID,
NAKED DRESS SHIRT,
GYM SUIT,
AND VARIOUS OTHERS.
EEEK!
HOW NICE...

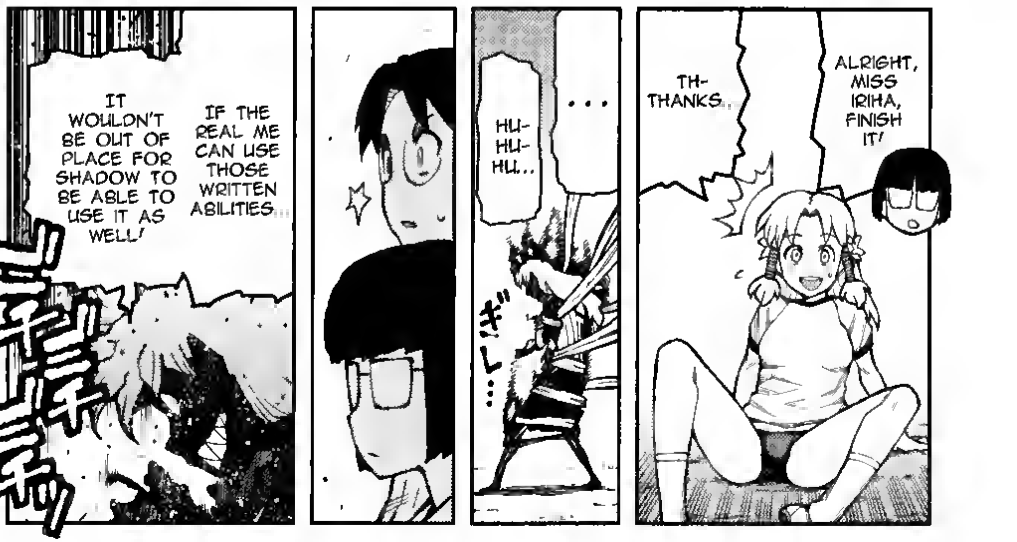


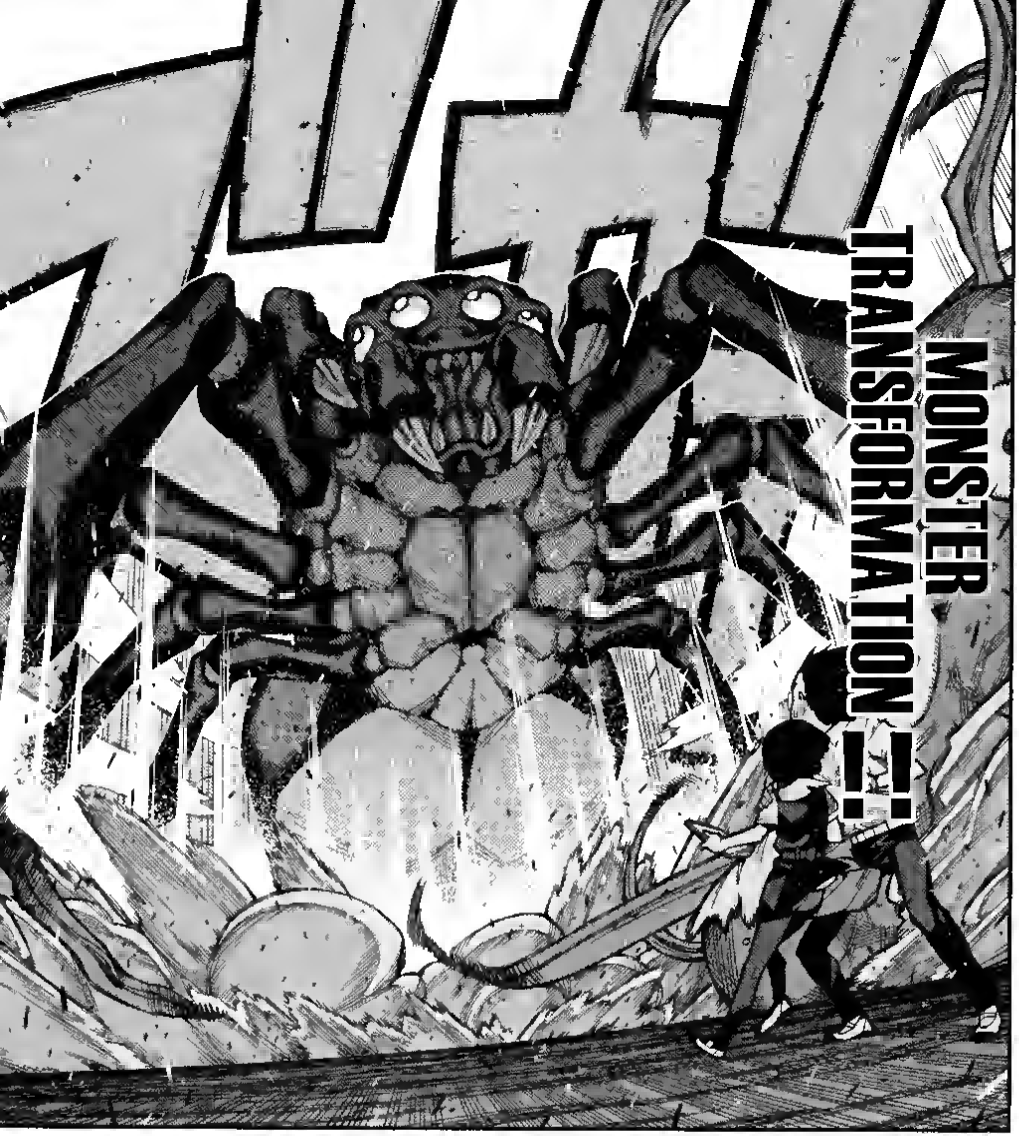


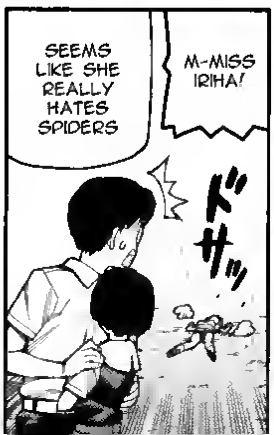
A GIANT MADE OF BOOKS!?
WHERE DID SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
I OWE A BIT TO OUR DEITY
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? THIS OBJECT HAS THE ABILITY TO SUMMON THE AMASOGI MOST RELATED TO YOU.
USE IT ONLY WHEN YOU REALLY NEED TO, OKAY?
!?
THEN THE STUDENTS...
BEWITCHING PERFUME!
WITH THIS, ALL OF THE STUDENTS ARE LIKE MY SERVANTS!
OKAY, WE'RE GETTING OUTTA HERE!
GRRR...

THIS IS NOT MY AMASOGI, BUT I HAVE BORROWED IT SEVERAL TIMES
!?


INCAR-NATION SKETCH-BOOK.


IT WOULDN'T BE OUT OF PLACE FOR SHADOW TO BE ABLE TO USE IT AS WELL!
IF THE REAL ME CAN USE THOSE WRITTEN ABILITIES...
...
HU-HU-HU...
TH-THANKS.
ALRIGHT, MISS IRIHA, FINISH IT!


MONSTER TRANSFORMATION!!


M-MISS IRIHA!
SEEMS LIKE SHE REALLY HATES SPIDERS
ドサッ

I HAAATE SPIDERS!!

WHAT!?

GOLEM, IT'S UP TO YOU!
……!!
ボト
ボト
ボト

ギシッ
!?
IT'S WIN-NING!!
ヒュン
THE SPIDER'S THREAD!
ギギ…
シュルルル…

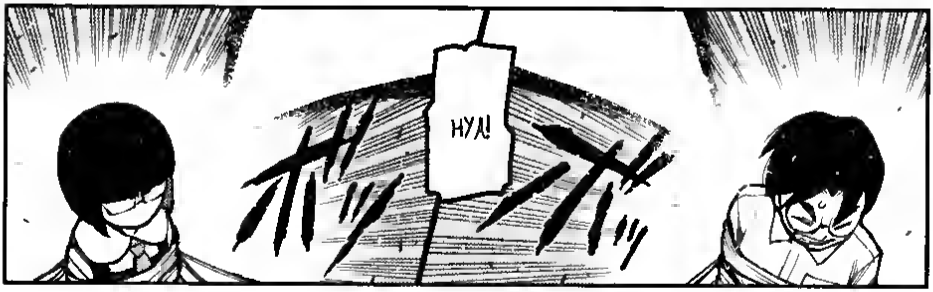
FLARE DRAGON
DONE.
NO GOOD, IT WAS OBLIT-ERATED...

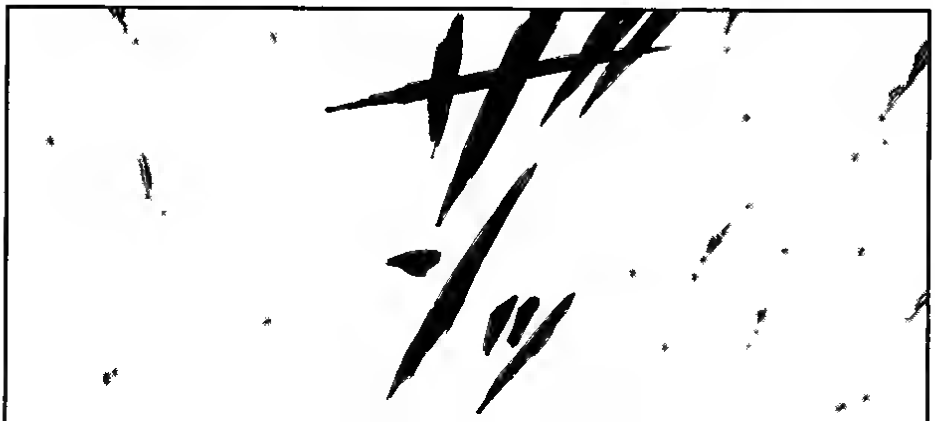
I GET IT, WITH THIS, IT NEEDN'T FEAR THE THREADS!
IT'S GONE!
ABOVE!!
AH-

ドッドッドッ
SHI

CAUGHT YAAA.
ANNOYING PESTSSS.

I SHOULD'VE DONE THIS FROM THE BEGINNING.


HYA!



YOU'RE LATE, KAGAMI!
SORRY, BOTH OF YOU!
I HAD TO PROTECT SHITONE'S CHASTITY ALONG THE WAY!
THE EFFECT WAS TOO STROOOONG!

LEAVE THE REST TO THE EXPERTS!
BUT, WELL DONE, YOU TWO!
OUUOOO... ONE ATTACK AFTER ANOTHER...!
I WILL CRUSH YOU!!!

Afterword

Hello, this is Hamada Yoshikazu. Somehow, volume 9 managed to go on sale in September, only three months after volume 8 in June. For the first time, the schedule is agonizing. How did this situation come about?

There's a restriction that the page count of a volume must be a multiple of 16. Usually this ends up being 160 or 176 pages. At 28 pages or so a chapter, 6 chapters works out to 1 volume every 6 months. So, 2 volumes a year is a nice fit.
When I started serialization, I aimed at drawing 28 pages of manga a month. However, in recent years, the number of months going over 30 has begun to increase, and most recently, it's become common to do 40 pages in a month.
(Presently, I have a three month streak of more than 40 pages. At this pace, that's enough for one volume every 4 months.)
So, the pace of 2 volumes a year won't catch up. The gap between chapter numbers in "WEB Comic High!" and the volumes will end up wider. To reduce that gap, this volume was released early.

Now then, I have been asked to do quite a few side stories for the print version of "Comic High!".

For the third one, "The Exorcist and the Jinrei User", they had me do the cover for "Comic High!" and 4 color pages.
In 14 years or so of working as an artist, this was my first magazine cover. I was overjoyed. The contents are a crossover with the manga, "Kakuen no Hinagiku", currently serialised in "Comic High!".
As for the details surrounding this episode, I'd like to put them in the afterword for the volume the chapter is printed in.

The dream pillow episode finally ended, and the gender reversal was lifted. Drawing with a female protagonist and a male sidekick was fun in it's own way, but the feeling of breaking new ground like that was a little lonely.

I've been thinking over and over that I'd draw it, and I was finally able to draw a story about the new relationship between Sunao and Kotetsu.
I'm glad I wrote this, because without it, I couldn't involve Sunao in the main story. Writing a Sunao only side story would've been painful.

Well then, let's meet again in volume 10.

Hamada Yoshikazu

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